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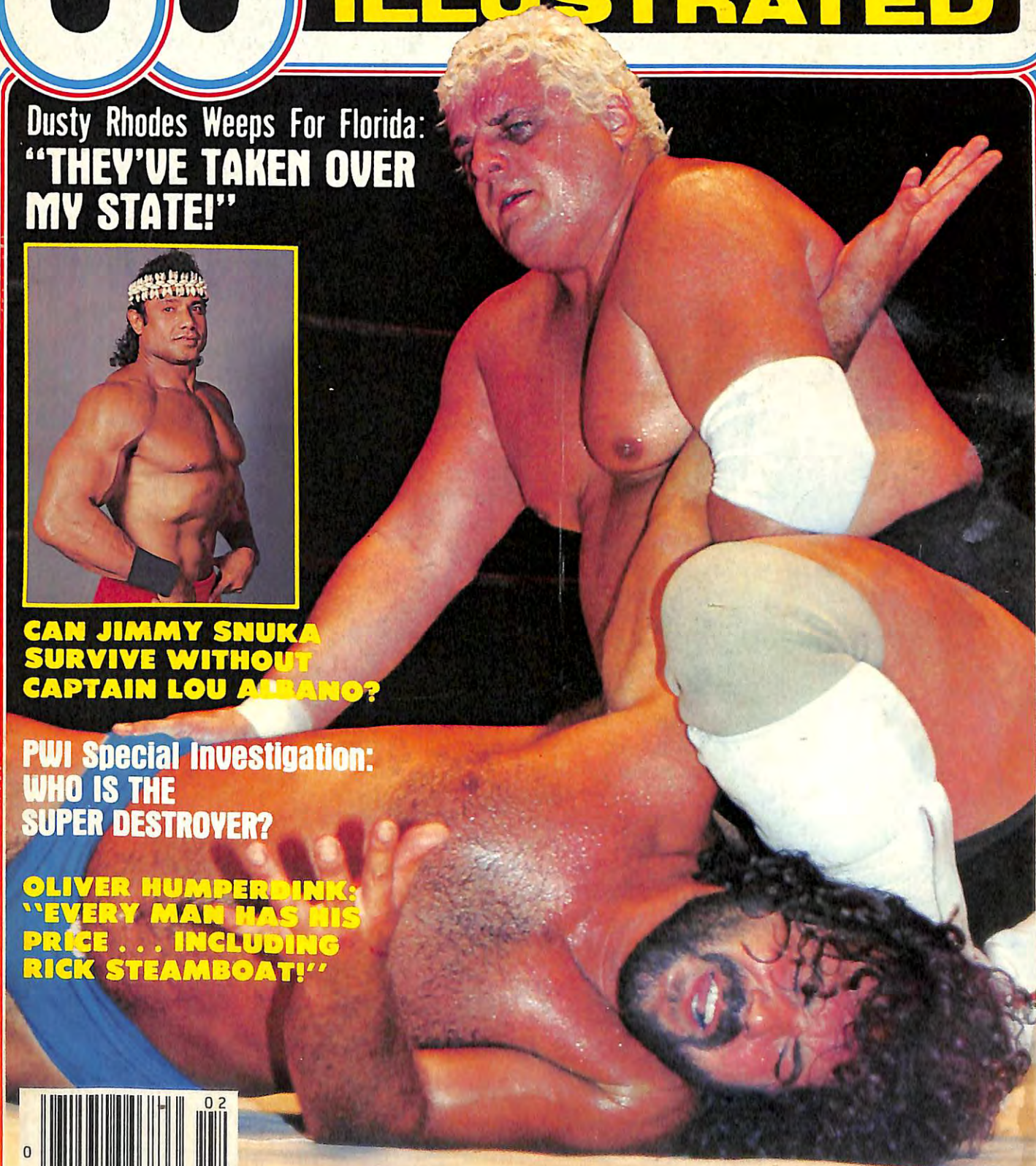
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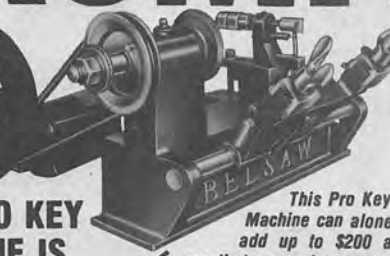
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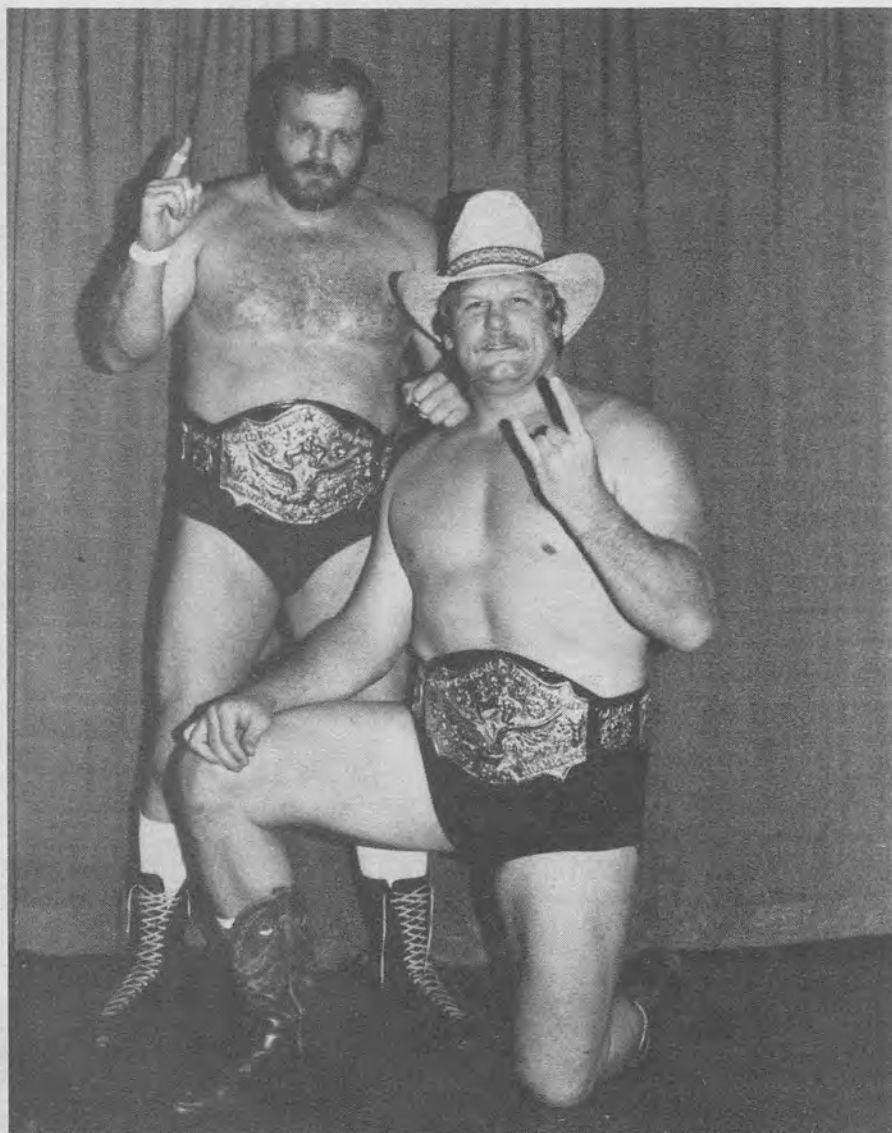
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With Bill Apter

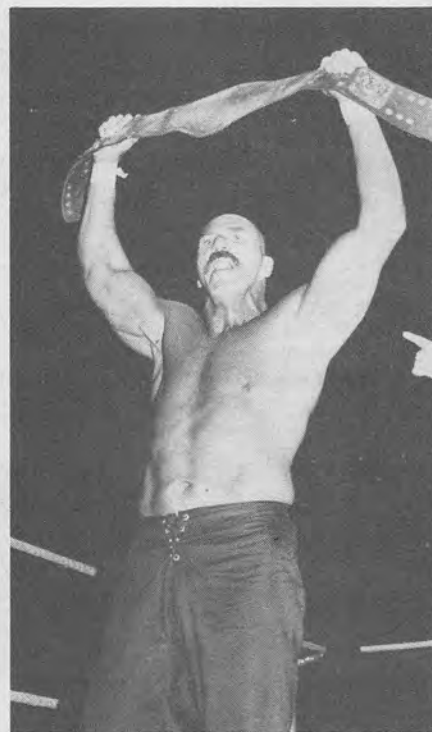
THE NWA OFFICIALLY recognizes Sgt. Slaughter and Don Kernodle as the new tag team champions. NWA president Bob Geigel stripped Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen of the belts last month when the pair refused to

defend the title as ordered by the alliance. Slaughter and Kernodle took the vacant title in a tournament, which was held in Japan.

The first match in 4½ years between Bob Backlund and



Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen (above) were stripped of the NWA tag team title because of their failure to make required title defenses. Superstar Graham (top right) is proud of the damage he did to Bob Backlund's WWF belt.



Superstar Graham, at Madison Square Garden, proved Backlund can indeed lose his cool. "I have never seen him go crazy like this," said his manager, Arnold Skoaland, just a few minutes after the match. "Bob even slugged me when I tried to pull him off Graham. I was shocked."

Backlund makes no apology for his actions, saying, "Graham deserved the beating I gave him." Graham and his manager, The Grand Wizard, claim they came to wrestle—not brawl—and that Backlund is an uncontrollable maniac who should be stripped of the title.

To avoid sustaining another broken nose, Barry Windham is wearing a hockey goalie's mask

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KING'S COURT

By Peter King

THE TAG TEAM match can trace its beginnings to Australia, back in the early-1950s. In the 30 years since its invention, tag team matches have become so popular that many men, for instance, Mr. Fuji, wrestle in that type of match almost exclusively. Many fans prefer the wild, continuous action

of a tag team match to a singles match.

But don't be surprised if someday soon you see this inscription: *Tag Team Matches; 1951-1982; R.I.P.*

Ironically, tag team matches may be doomed not because of a lack of interest by the fans but

because they have become too popular.

"I've made more money wrestling in a tag team in one year than I have in all my singles matches combined," said Tony Garea, a six-time former holder of the WWF tag team championship. "I love wrestling with a partner. But now, unlike in the past, I have to think twice before I agree to team with someone. The backstabblings have become like a plague."

In fact, since his breakup with Rick Martel, Tony Garea has not attempted to find a steady tag team partner. "Oh, I've had offers," Tony says. "Kevin Sullivan wanted me to come to Florida, and Ted DiBiase called me a few months ago. But I refused both of them, and I'm glad."

The Ervine Sports Bureau, which keeps extensive records on wrestling, recently reported this staggering fact: Of the 137 tag teams active at the beginning of 1981 (to be classified as active, a tag team must wrestle in at least 10 matches), only 12 have remained together without any interruptions, 78 teams have parted amicably, and 47 teams have split explosively, with each member declaring war on the other. That means an astonishing 37 percent of all tag teams since 1981 broke apart due to a violent argument!

"It's become totally insane," says Jay Strongbow, who has suffered more than his share of tag team partner sneak-attacks. "I had turned down all offers to team until recently, when I decided to team with my brother, Jules. I think we may soon see the day when the only tag teams left are brother combinations. With anybody but Jules, I know I would have to have three eyes—two for my opponents and one for my partner. I've gotten too many scars from people I was supposed to trust."

Captain Lou Albano disagrees. "Of course Jay Strongbow would talk like that, he's an Indian, and he

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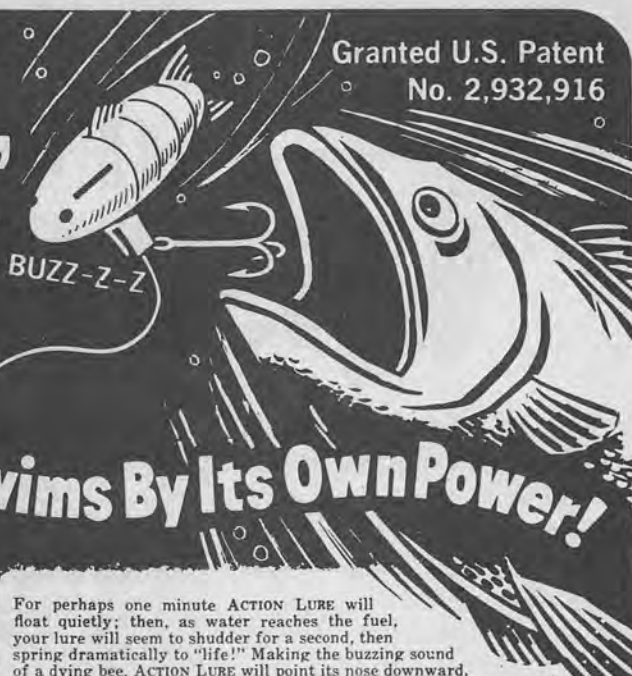
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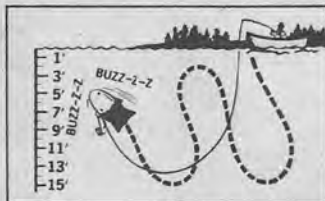


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BY LIZ HUNTER

I REMEMBER READING a column by Craig Peters one time. He was describing how close he felt to his own mortality. It was a case where he unexpectedly ran into Captain Lou Albano in the dressing room area of Madison Square Garden. Albano, you see, had threatened to reduce Peters from his 6'1" healthy self to a 5'4" piece of mincemeat. Peters was appropriately fearful for his life.

Now I can honestly say I know how he felt.

I was wandering through the dressing room area of a Richmond, Virginia, wrestling arena. My camera was hanging from my neck, and I was hoping to get some interesting pictures of various wrestlers in candid poses.

I had already taken some good shots, or at least what I hoped would be good shots, of Rick Steamboat warming up for his match. I'll tell you, that was a fascinating sight: Steamboat runs through a series of stretching exercises and quick-sequence isometrics that would prove a major challenge to any athlete. It's a testament to Rick's tremendous physical abilities that he can prepare for a match in that way, then go out and wrestle some of the roughest competitors in all of wrestling.

So I was walking aimlessly through the dressing room area and I saw Abdullah the Butcher talking with Sir Oliver Humperdink.

Now here's a shot, I said to



Just as her presence is discovered, Liz Hunter snaps this photograph of Sir Oliver Humperdink, Abdullah the Butcher, and Abdullah's little friend.

myself. I know that Abdullah's schedule has been taking him from Georgia to Puerto Rico to Japan to Virginia, and most points in between.

But I also know that Abdullah

is a periodic member of the deadly House of Humperdink. (For more details on the current status of the House, see page 39.) When I saw Abdullah and

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A LOOK INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL



AWA CHAMPION OTTO WANZ

Sometimes the business of publishing magazines gets in the way of bringing you the wrestling news as quickly as we would like. We have deadlines, then we must go to the printer, and then it takes time to get the magazines on the stands. The time between our final deadline and the day the magazine reaches your corner newsstand is known as "lag time," and it is because of lag time that we occasionally miss an important event.

This issue, our deadline falls exactly four days before Nick Bockwinkel is scheduled to meet Otto Wanz in an AWA title rematch. Unfortunately, we won't have the results in time for this issue. But there is room for speculation. My prediction? Wanz will win the match in less than 15 minutes.

Read our next issue and see whether my crystal ball needs new batteries.

THE POLLS HAVEN'T CLOSED YET!

There is still time to cast your votes for the top wrestlers of 1982. Simply get a hold of the January 1982 issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* and fill in the official fan ballot. In case you missed it, here's a quick

rundown of the categories in which to choose your favorites: Wrestler of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Match of the Year, Most Improved Wrestler of the Year, Tag Team of the Year, Most Hated Wrestler of the

Year, Inspirational Wrestler of the Year, Manager of the Year, and Most Popular Wrestler of the Year.

Final results will be printed in next month's issue of *PWI*, so rush those ballots in today!

THE NAME GAME: BARRY WINDHAM LOSES

You might have read about the infamous "Bonebuster" who, as reported in the January 1983 issue of *The Wrestler*, offered \$1,100 per bone broken in Barry Windham's body.

As fate would have it, Jake Roberts' greed proved to be the Bonebuster's undoing. Barry Windham's close friend Mike Graham paid \$1,100 to Roberts to reveal the identity of the Bonebuster. Roberts gave the name to Windham and announcer Gordon Solie on TV in an envelope. The name? Nivek Navillus.

Windham and Solie said they never heard of Navillus, and wondered who the mystery man was. Meanwhile, Kevin Sullivan defeated Barry Windham in the final round of a tournament for the Florida title



NIVEK NAVILLUS

in a vicious encounter of two former friends.

Still stumped? Well, let's put it this way. Windham and Sullivan are now at each other's throats like a pair of wild dogs. All I can say is that Sullivan has got a lot more backward than just his attitude.

Nivek Navillus, indeed!

WILDFIRE BURNS OUT OF CONTROL



TOMMY RICH

I can't believe what I'm seeing!

A recent telecast of *World Championship Wrestling* from

Georgia included a tape of an incident that is about as characteristic of Tommy Rich as kicking an elderly lady in the teeth!

Enraged by something said by Buzz Sawyer, Rich ran into Sawyer's dressing room and attacked him with a garbage can to the head, and followed that up by dragging him out of the room and continuing his attack in the corridors and back rooms of the wrestling arena.

This tape was followed by another that showed a match between Rich and Sawyer that spilled out of the ring and into the arena parking lot!

Whatever demons have grabbed a hold of Tommy Rich, I hope he manages to defeat them soon. As it is, his career is on the line, and he's going to have to work hard to patch the damage already done to his reputation.

THE RETURN OF BUDDY ROGERS?

If you turn to page 32 of this issue, you will see an analysis of the situation between Superfly Jimmy Snuka and his manager, Captain Lou Albano.

A televised interview with Albano and Snuka conducted by former WWF and NWA champion Buddy Rogers created even more friction between the Superfly and—as of press time—his manager.

I say as of press time, because Rogers indicated that



BUDDY ROGERS & JIMMY SNUKA

he is going to look into allegations of financial mismanagement on the part of Albano. If these allegations prove to be true, major changes could lie ahead. Rogers and Snuka have had a manager-wrestler relationship in the past, and I wouldn't be surprised if Rogers makes a move to rekindle that relationship in the near future. This is a situation to keep a sharp eye on as the weeks progress.

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CHALLENGE TO PIPER

An open letter to Roddy Piper:

Well, Roddy, the next move is yours. You finally wrestled a one-on-one match without a backup, but one clean match does not clear your past record. You threw away your "I Love Ole" button and defended Gordon Solie from your own paid-for Magnificent Muraco. You even punched Muraco out cold after his battle with Tommy



Can Roddy Piper be trusted to remain a respectable wrestler, or is he just filling the fans with empty hope? Reader Valerie Starcher is not quite convinced Piper's change is permanent.

Rich. Not to mention the fact you got stabbed while protecting some innocent children. Impressive, Roddy, but are we to believe that you have traded your brass

knuckles for the more respectable scientific maneuvers? Can you prove that Muraco wasn't paid to create a spectacle to make you look good just like he was paid to wrestle your personal grudge matches? Are you ready to back up your Muhammad Ali boasts and prove in the ring that you deserve the respect for your wrestling abilities without a backup, without a foreign object, without running away, and without paying someone else to do your dirty work? Can you do this Roddy? For how long?

It's time for your actions to speak louder than your words. It's your turn, Roddy, and I'm calling your bluff. Do you fold, or do you show your cards?

VALERIE STARCHER
Perry, FL

NOT HIS GOOD SIDE

I'm very disappointed in the giant full-color pinup of Jimmy Snuka in *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* (November 1982). I'm sure you had better pictures of Jimmy that you could have printed. I don't know how the rest of Jimmy's fans felt, but it made me sick. Jimmy is one of the best-looking wrestlers in wrestling today. He has a super body. Jimmy would be the new WWF champion if sissy Backlund wouldn't cheat or pay the referees off. I wish Jimmy would come back down to the Mid-Atlantic area to wrestle. We miss you down here, Jimmy!

SUE SHEPHERD
Franklin, NC

BRAVO, MARTEL!

I think Rick Martel is the best wrestler to enter the AWA in years. He is just great! I really hope he can capture the heavyweight title soon. I can see now why the WWF fans were sad to see him



Rick Martel, whipping former AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel into the opposite ropes, has built a huge and loyal fan following after just a short stay in the AWA. "Between Falls" contributor Joe Freiheit feels Martel deserves a higher rating.

leave. In your most recent ratings (November 1982), you had him rated fourth, but I think he should be rated second, or even first. Come on, Rick!

JOE FREIHEIT
Milwaukee

A JOB WELL DONE

Until I got one of your magazines (September 1982) I never realized how excellent they were. Your articles were great,

and your columns ("Dressing Room Confidential," "King's Court") were even better. My favorite part of the magazine is "Ringside," because it keeps me up to date with everything that's going on in wrestling. So I hope you (the publisher of *PWI*) and your staff keep up the good work on your magazine.

MICHAEL JAMES
St. Louis

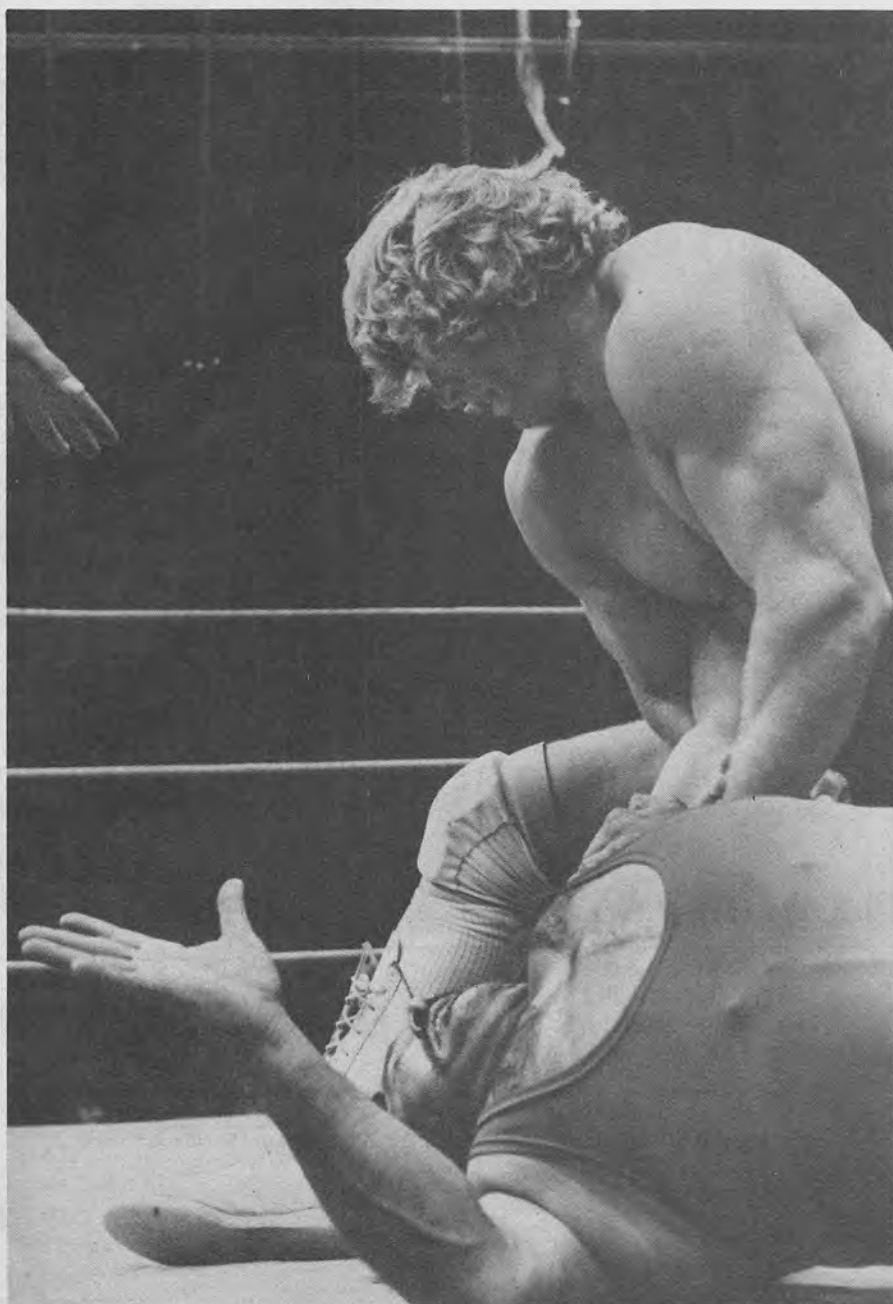
MORE ON KERRY

I would like to know why Kerry Von Erich is never recognized in

your magazine. I think that this modern-day warrior is one of the best wrestlers today. He had beaten the so-called "great" Harley Race twice, and just a while ago gave Ric Flair a beating the champion will never forget, right in front of thousands of Dallas wrestling fans. Flair could hardly get up after that one!

I think Kerry should and will be world champion. After all, he already is the "Uncrowned World Champion."

ROSEMARY McNAUGHTON
San Antonio



More features on Kerry Von Erich (locking the arm of Gil Guerrero) would please reader Rosemary McNaughton.

TAKE THAT, HEENAN

In your October 1982 issue, you had an article called "The Brain's Scheme Backfires: How Bobby Heenan Brought Andre And Hulk Hogan Together." It was a fantastic story!

Andre the Giant and Hulk Hogan taught Bobby Heenan and his men a wrestling lesson they'll never forget. I think Andre and Hogan make a great team, and I wish they would stay together for a while. I know they would win a tag team title without any trouble at all. In my opinion, they are the best.

LOUIS TOLENTINO
Dix Hills, NY

GO GET HIM, JIMMY

I read *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* each month, and I commend you on your magazine. I would like to encourage the Boogie Woogie Man, Jimmy Valiant, to rid the



Jimmy Valiant proclaims his standing in the world of wrestling, and reader Andrew Hutchison wholeheartedly agrees.

earth of one Mr. Ivan Koloff. Jimmy is my favorite wrestler in the world, and I wish him all the luck against Koloff, and continued success in the future.

ANDREW HUTCHISON
Hamilton, Ont. □

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DRESSING CONFIDENTIAL ROOM

By Stu Saks

I GOT A MESSAGE that Ted DiBiase called my office during my vacation to tell me he wasn't granting any interviews. Very interesting, being that I never called DiBiase to ask for an interview.

I asked around the office thinking one of the other editors had tried to reach him and my secretary had made an error in taking the return message, or perhaps DiBiase himself had mistakenly called me back instead of another editor. But no one had called him.

"Stu, even you should be able to see that the man is reaching out to you," Dan Shocket said. "He's trying to communicate with someone he feels he can trust at a time when inner turmoil and loneliness dominate his existence.

"There was no mistake made, my little fool," Shocket continued. "DiBiase knew you were on vacation when he called. He also knew that you would be confused and would call him back. And that way it wouldn't look like *he* was crawling and would be able to maintain his dignity."

I have my dignity to think about also. If DiBiase went out of his way to tell me he didn't want to talk, I'm not going to call him. For once, I think Dan Shocket has made an accurate analysis.



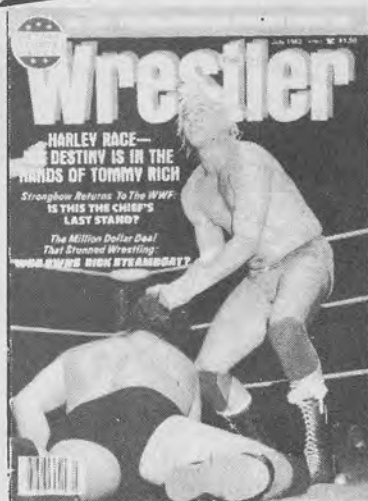
Ted DiBiase, mentally shaken by his inability to capture one of the three major championships, has responded by turning against those who loved and respected him.

Ted DiBiase is reaching out. Once one of the most popular and respected men in wrestling, both with the fans and with his fellow society of scientific wrestlers, DiBiase is virtually friendless now. Some of his fans stand behind him loyally, but most of his peers are unsure

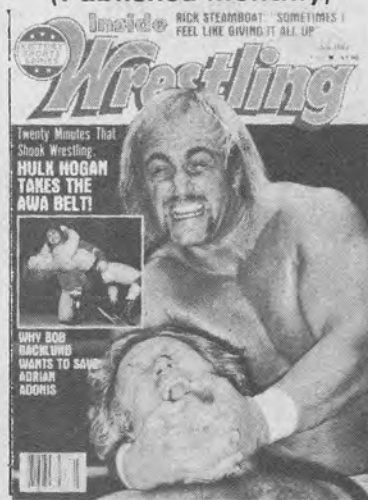
whether they can trust him. At this most crucial point in his career, Ted has nobody to confide in. What he doesn't understand is that his true friends are still his true friends. They want to help him, but they don't know if they can even

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OFF THE O ROPE

By Dan Shocket

A COUPLE OF month ago, I offered a free year's subscription of "PWI" to the first person who could identify a poem from which I quoted. To be honest, I didn't expect anyone to name it. I'm delighted to say I was wrong. A goodly number of fans correctly identified the poem as "The Stolen Child" by William Butler Yeats. I am honored to have such literate correspondents. The winner, Philip Melconian, of Princeton, New Jersey, has already begun to receive his subscription, but I would like to congratulate everyone who answered correctly or took the time to do research.

And now on to this month's random observations.

Dear Dan,

I would like to praise Jerry Lawler for showing that clown, Andy Kaufman, that wrestling isn't fun and games. I think it's great he put that guy in the hospital.

He did the right thing because that clown Kaufman is

trying to disgrace the sport. What do you have to say?

BILLY TRICE
Oakland, CA

Dear Billy,

I think the clown Kaufman made a fool out of "King of Wrestling" Lawler. Instead of having to wrestle through the preliminary ranks, Kaufman got

a publicized shot at one of the top men in wrestling. He didn't earn that chance, like so many real athletes must. I'm afraid even though he was hospitalized, Kaufman won the match the minute it was signed. I admire Lawler's love of the sport, but I think it let him cloud his judgment.



Andy Kaufman was unsuccessful in physical combat against Jerry Lawler, but he did succeed in making a fool of the "King of Wrestling."



NWA champion Ric Flair only defends his title against men he knows he can beat. Dusty Rhodes is a quick victory and an excellent payday.

Dear Mr. Shocket,

I want to complain about NWA champion Ric Flair. Every week he wrestles Tommy Rich, Dusty Rhodes, and other bums.

I want him to wrestle people like Roddy Piper, Masked Superstar, and Stan Hansen. Is Rich related to the promoters? He seems to be the only one who gets a chance to wrestle for the NWA belt.

TOMMY LAMSON
Borger, TX

Dear Mr. Lamson,

Ric Flair wisely wrestles only the men he knows he can defeat. As long as the fans allow him to wrestle mediocrities like Rich and Rhodes, he doesn't have to take on real competition. Rich doesn't have to be related to the commissioners. He has his fans to force his endless title shots. The ignorant never give up hope.

Dear Mr. Shocket,

I think Pat Patterson is the worst announcer ever. He always gives so much credit to wrestlers like Backlund and Morales, but when it comes to

wrestlers like Bob Orton Jr., he can only say he respects their talent. How do you feel about this?

JOSEPH ALAGIA
Yonkers, NY



As bad an announcer as Pat Patterson is, one cannot blame the man for wanting to hold on to his job.

Dear Mr. Alagia,

I think it's unfair to single out Patterson, though you're right about his prejudice against those not beloved of the fans. Most announcers pander to the fans, and that's what the commissioners want. Patterson is no better or worse than any of

them. It took a man of great courage, Roddy Piper, to defy that prejudice, and he was banned for his defiance. Don't think other announcers didn't look on that as a warning to toe the line.

Dear Mr. Shocket,

There is one thing that bothers me. This is the almost constant name-calling between the fans and yourself. It seems as if there is a war going on between the journalist and the readers. You both carry it over to the wrestlers.

Why is all the name-calling necessary? I personally believe your column would be better without the insults. Please forgive me if I have spoken harshly or unjustly.

M. LORRAINE HARRISON
Cairo, GA

Dear Ms. Harrison,

You have not in the least been harsh or unjust. The epithets I hurl at various fans and wrestlers are tools to describe my anger or disgust. The fans who slander me are simply betraying their ignorance. □

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Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of the Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagley, Jack Dempsey, Keeney Teran and Gil Cadillac, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tindler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Bailargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of the Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of the Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of the Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of the Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

MARCH 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Ciriqli, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffio, Kid McCoy vs. Tony Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of the Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs. \$25

APRIL 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nicks Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Eduardo Lausde, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of the Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

JULY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of the Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—'Tiger' Joe Marsh, Matches of the Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talabar \$25

AUGUST 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

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SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of the Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stink! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

OCTOBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of the Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

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Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of the Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

JANUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of the Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. Ji Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz

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APRIL 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

MAY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz

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JUNE 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Roy Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe

Wrestling—'Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of the Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip \$25

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Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blassie, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of the Month, Letters, Fan Club \$25

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Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters **\$25**

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Wrestling—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time, Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Barend, Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters **\$30**

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FEBRUARY 1958 Boxing—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Marciano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Fouts Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpentier Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk

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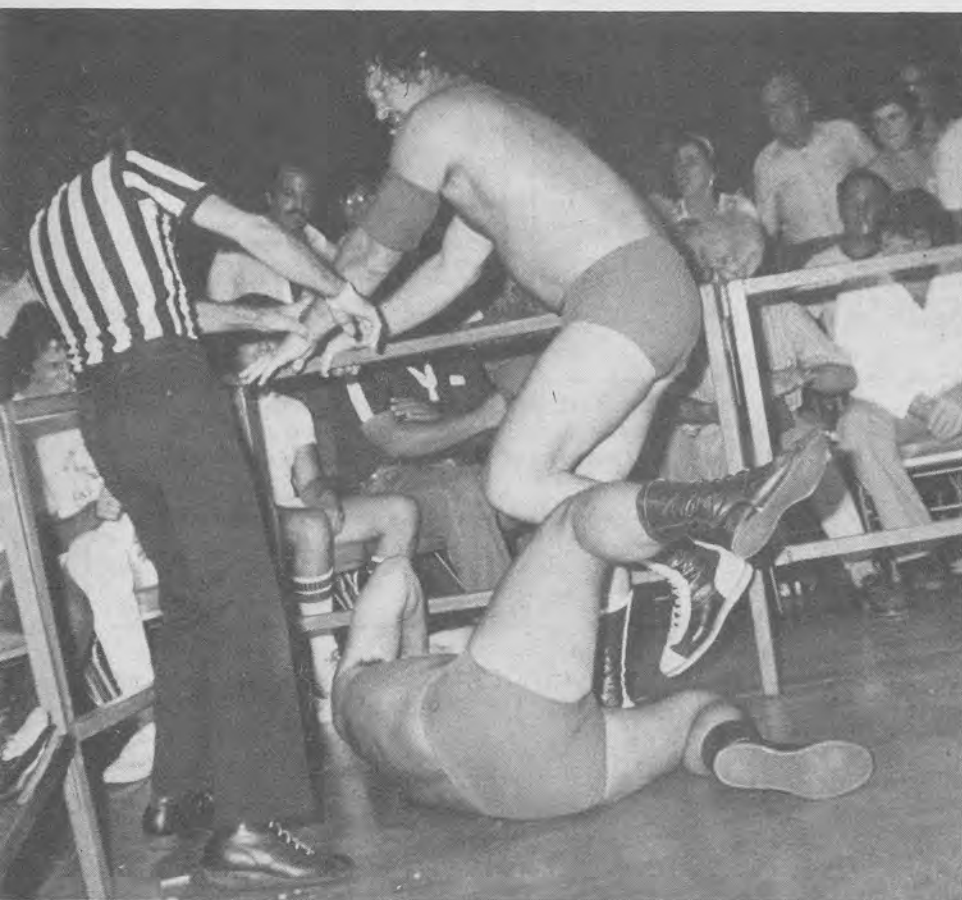
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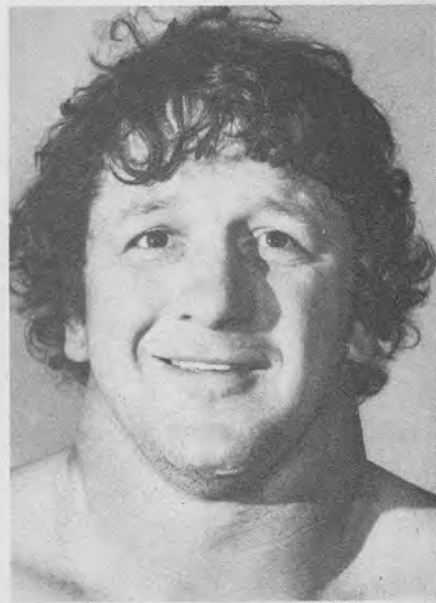
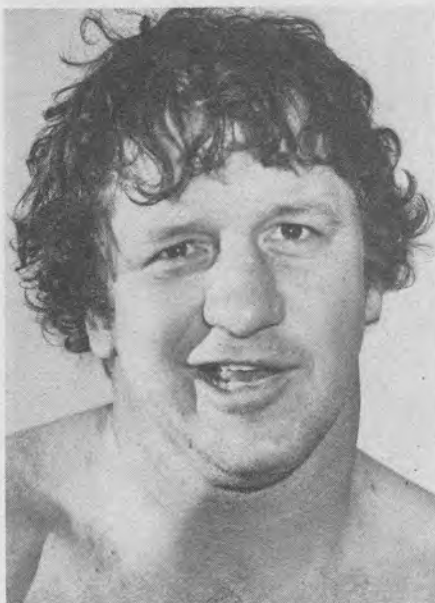
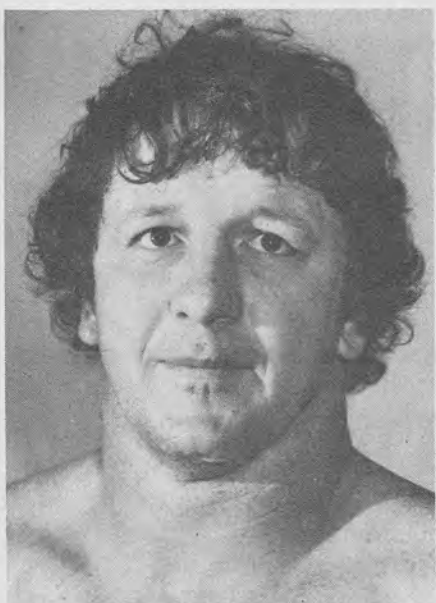
PRESS CONFERENCE

TERRY FUNK



(Terry Funk has had a long, illustrious, and controversial wrestling career. Funk, a former NWA champion, has gained a reputation as a rough and uncompromising grappler. Part of one of wrestling's most famous families, Terry and his brother, Dory Jr., have through the years been engaged in a feud with another of wrestling's most famous families, the Briscos. Most recently, Terry Funk and Dusty Rhodes have been the subject of a lot of attention, having formed one of the most unlikely tag team combinations in wrestling history. Associate Editors Craig Peters and Dan Shocket and Assistant Editor Stu Saks spoke with Funk about his alliance with Rhodes, and about other important aspects of his wrestling career.)

"Dusty is going to get exactly what he deserves, and nothing less than that. I still haven't crossed Fatboy Rhodes off my list."



STU SAKS: Terry, one of the strangest tag team combinations I can remember was the recent teaming of . . .

TERRY FUNK: Of myself with that dirty old egg-sucking dog, Dusty Rhodes, right?

SAKS: Well, yes.

FUNK: Let me tell you, Saks, teaming with Rhodes was perhaps the stupidest thing I have ever done in my entire life.

DAN SHOCKET: It seems to me that your signing a series of matches against Rhodes after that tag team incident is one of the *smartest* things you've ever done in your life.

FUNK: Well, I would have to agree with you there, Dan. I'm looking to teach that scummy Rhodes a lesson he'll never forget.

CRAIG PETERS: Terry, why don't you review the situation



Funk turns on partner Dusty Rhodes in the midst of their Barbed Wire Match against the team of Kendo Nagasaki and King Kong Tonga.

for our readers who aren't familiar with what happened.

FUNK: Sure, I'll be glad to. I teamed with egg-sucking Dusty against Kendo Nagasaki and King Kong Tonga because I felt at the time that Dusty was low enough, was sleazy enough, was slimy enough to do to Kendo and Tonga what I wanted to see done with them. But I would never have imagined that he would be as irresponsible a partner as he was.

SAKS: What do you mean?

FUNK: Well, he was so bad, he got himself blinded by Kendo's green fog, which damn near cost us the match.

SHOCKET: If you ask me, he deserved it.

FUNK: You better believe he deserved it.

PETERS: But you went wild

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Dusty Rhodes Weeps For Florida:



“THEY’VE TAKEN OVER MY STATE!”

DUSTY RHODES STARED across the ring at Southern champion Jim Garvin and shuddered. Blood dripped into the American Dream’s eyes, momentarily blurring his vision. In that instant, Garvin seized the advantage. Dusty fell to the mat stunned, blinded, and weakened.

Thousands of wrestling fans in the Florida arena screamed encouragement at Dusty, as if the sound of their combined voices could somehow provide him with the strength to rise to his feet and retaliate.

Dusty struggled to his knees and Jim Garvin laughed. There was apparently no strength in Dusty’s limbs. Garvin laughed again.

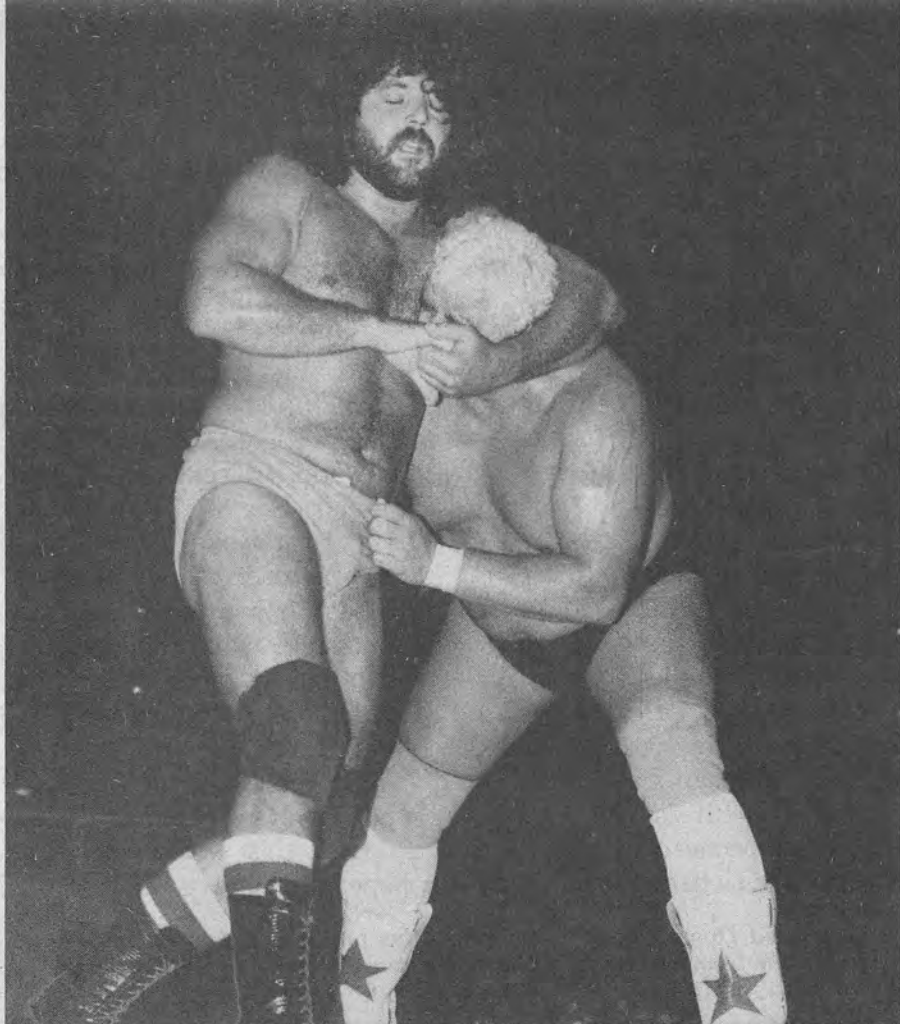
Suddenly, Dusty lunged forward and planted his bloody head directly in Garvin’s midsection. Garvin, taken by surprise, staggered backward and fell through the ropes out of the ring.

Sometimes it seems as if it’s just one man against an army. In Florida, the army consists of J.J. Dillon’s troops: John Studd, Kamala, King Kong Mosca, Bruiser Brody, Kendo Nagasaki, King Kong Tonga, and, of course, Jim Garvin. The one man opposing them is Dusty Rhodes, and he’s not about to allow the state to remain in Dillon’s clutches

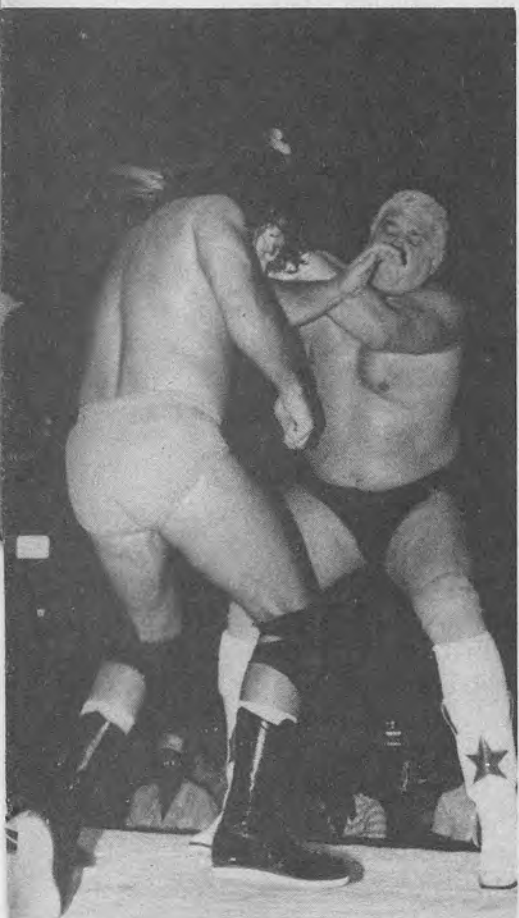
His head hit the concrete floor. Garvin remained still while the noise of the fans rose to a deafening roar.

Sadly, Dusty was unable to capitalize on the situation. He tried to crawl to the edge of the ring, to administer more punishment to Garvin, but his arms and his knees simply would not bring him there. Even if they had, it was doubtful if Rhodes had enough energy to drag Garvin back into the ring and pin his shoulders to the mat for the three count.

No, this day Dusty Rhodes would not become Southern champion. Jim Garvin would hold onto the belt, and the deathgrip that his manager, J.J. Dillon, holds on Florida would remain as tight as

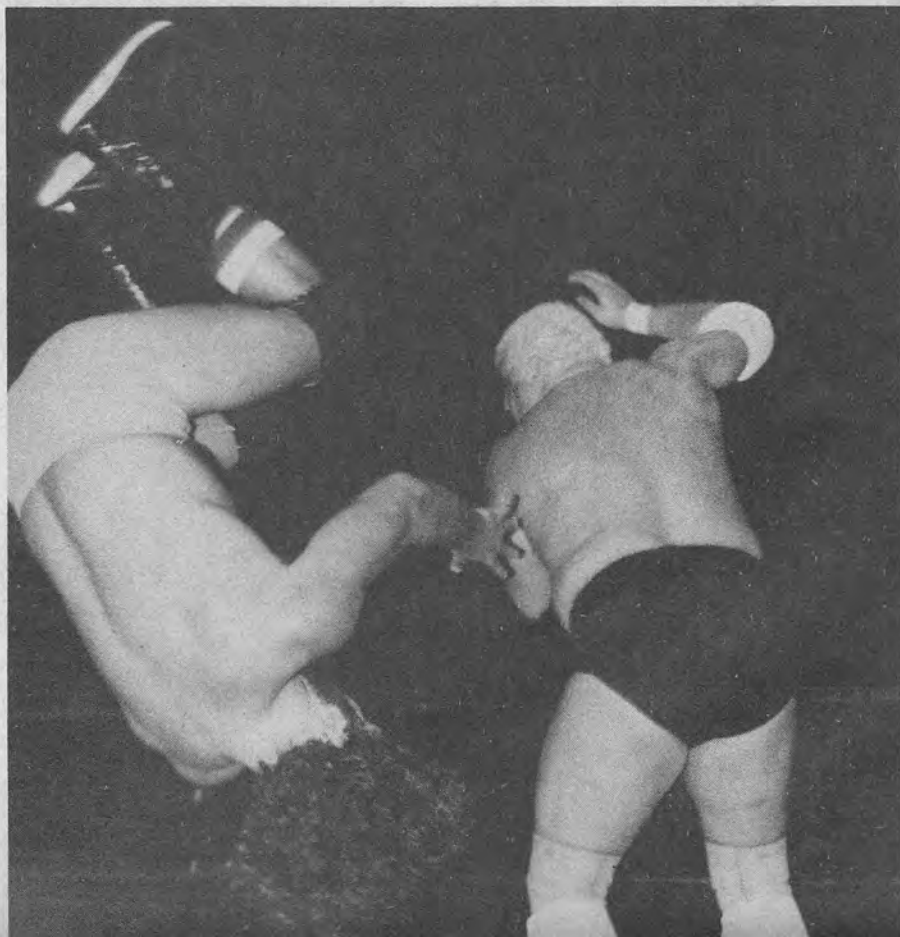


Southern champion Jim Garvin catches Dusty Rhodes in a headlock (above), but the American Dream retaliates by breaking the hold (left) and flipping Garvin to the canvas (below). Rhodes, nevertheless, was unable to capture Garvin's title.



the security surrounding Fort Knox.

Rhodes refused all requests that *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* made for an interview until more than a week after his bloody match with Garvin. Even then, the pain he felt was extremely evident. Despite



the dark sunglasses that shielded his eyes and the 10-gallon hat that sat low over his forehead, there was agony reflected in the face of Dusty Rhodes.

We asked Dusty how he felt toward the end of the match.

"Helpless, completely helpless," Dusty said in a soft, reflective voice. "I heard the fans, I wanted to do something for them, I wanted to pull myself up and get Garvin . . . damn it all, I just don't know sometimes. You take a man like Jim Garvin, a man who doesn't even *deserve* to be called a man . . . and he is supposed to fulfill the position of champion?"

Dusty left his question unanswered, adjusted his hat, and shifted his weight in his chair. He gritted his teeth slightly.

"It's all because of that lousy Dillon, that's what's causing it all,"

Rhodes said. "Look at him: He's so smug, so self-serving, so egotistical. He thinks he's really accomplishing something, doesn't he? He has no respect for anything except his own power. He abuses other people, then gloats about it.

"And his people," Dusty continued, "look at the people he surrounds himself with: Garvin, John Studd, Bruiser Brody, Kendo Nagasaki, Kamala, King Kong Mosca, King Kong Tonga . . ." Dusty spat each name out of his mouth as if trying to rid himself of a bitter taste caught on his tongue. Neither the imaginary taste, nor the very real hatred, was easily gotten rid of.

"All of them, they run over good people here in Florida," Dusty continued, his voice rising in volume but taking on the quality of



a man pleading for reason and sanity, "they make a mockery of the reasons why I entered wrestling in the first place, they laugh at the fans who come to the arenas, they try to cripple their opponents at every turn. Damnit, they've taken over my state!"

With that declaration, Dusty's voice rose to a full-fledged scream. His hat fell off his head as he pulled the sunglasses off his face and flung them to the floor to reveal a pair of eyes that bore the many scars of his battle with Jim Garvin. Tears welled up in his eyes.

"Why?" asked the American Dream. "Why must it be like this? Don't they understand? Don't they realize that they will never get away with it? They can't get away with it, I won't let them. They can't take control of Florida. There are too many people who will help me, they just can't get away with it."

Dusty Rhodes stood up from the chair, retrieved his hat and glasses, and left the room. As he did so, he wiped aside a few tears that streaked his face, speaking in a hushed tone as he did so: "They don't understand, they can't get away with it, they never will."

Florida wrestling fans have quite an example in the person of Dusty Rhodes . . . and the American Dream has his work cut out for him. □

A weakened Dusty Rhodes struggles to his feet, but the blood in his eyes prevents him from waging an attack on Garvin (above right). Garvin, part of J.J. Dillon's stable, was relentless in his attack of Rhodes (below).



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

Every month, our reporters will compile wrestlers' most revealing quotes. Often catching the grapplers with their guards down, our reporters will work endlessly in obtaining interesting quotes on a variety of subjects

RODDY PIPER

"I don't have to prove anything to anybody, you see, because I let my actions speak for themselves. People are accusing me of all sorts of things, of turning soft, of complimenting people like Tommy Rich. Well, Rich attacked Buzz Sawyer in the dressing room with a garbage can; why shouldn't I compliment him?"



RAY STEVENS

"It's no secret, they call me 'The Crippler' because I've put more men in the hospital with my piledriver and 'bombs away' than anyone else in wrestling. You want to know something? I'm proud of that. I'm glad that I've sent so many people to the emergency room. And I'll tell you, the first chance I get, I want to add Bob Backlund to my list of victims."



MAD DOG VACHON

"I just want to thank Verne Gagne for coming out of retirement to help me. I'm glad he did this favor for me. Only Verne could have helped me do what we did to Sheiks Adnan Al-Kaissie and Blackwell. I hope I never see these Sheiks again, or else I will really have to teach them a lesson they will never forget."



RICK MARTEL

"I'm ready for any kind of competition here in the AWA that I can get my hands on. If it's tag team matches with my friend Tito Santana, that's fine. If it's solo matches against the heavyweight champion, that's all right, too. I just want lots of competition, and I want to win a title for the fans here who have been so kind in supporting me since my arrival."



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Bockwinkel & Heenan's Plan For Title Reign Number Three:

FOR NICK BOCKWINKEL, it was an unusual situation: It was not a title match. Otto Wanz had taken the AWA championship away earlier in the month, and the former champion found himself in the unfamiliar position of having to once again work his way up the ladder of title contention.

For Bobby Heenan, it was a match in which he would scrutinize and subsequently analyze every movement of the man he hopes to guide to a third AWA title reign. It was an extremely important match for the manager: He would have to determine any potential weaknesses in Bockwinkel's style, and work to eliminate those weaknesses before they could grow into problems of significant proportions.

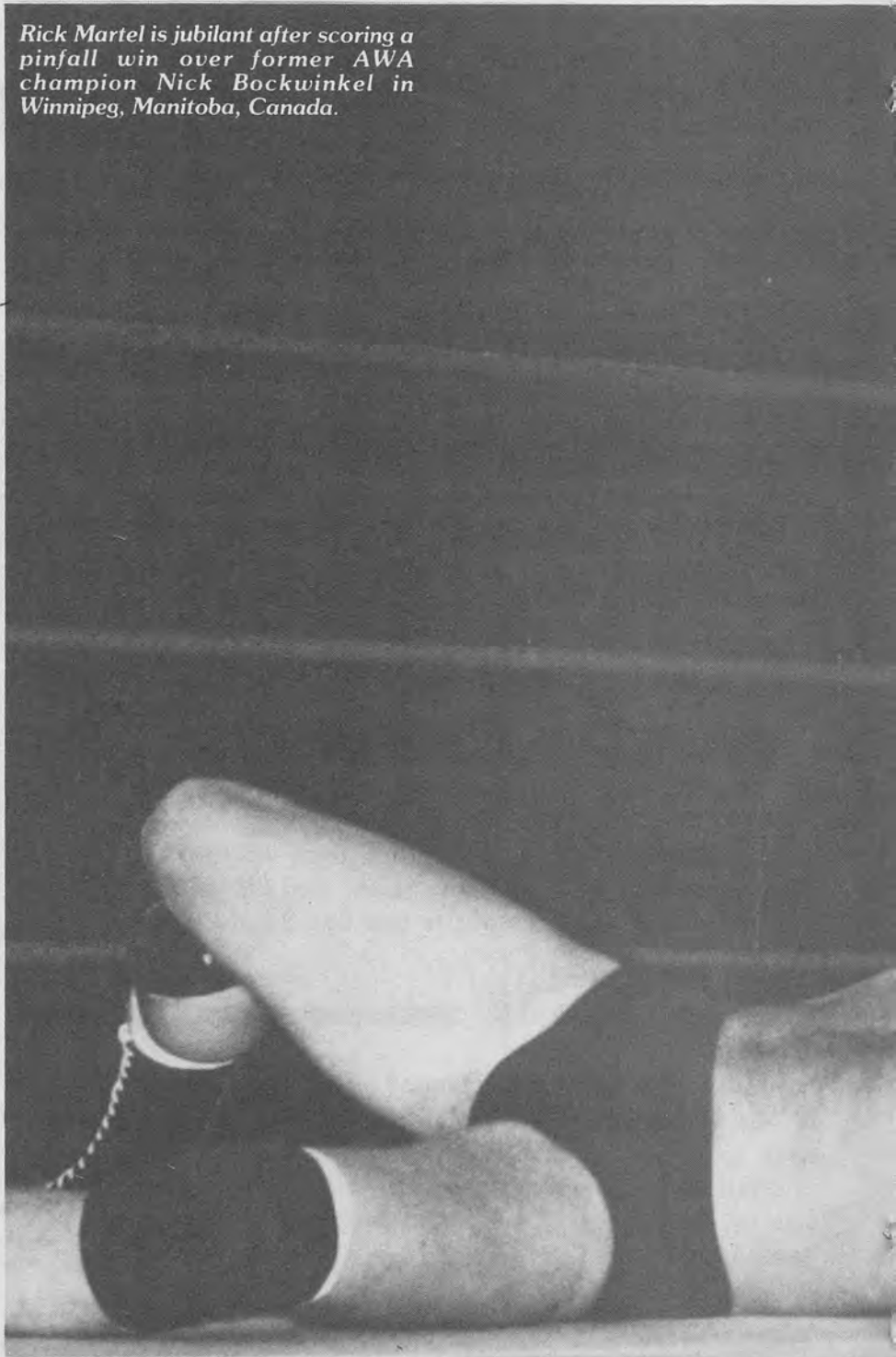
For Rick Martel, it was fate thumbing its nose at him.

When Martel entered the AWA, he made it widely known that a title match with then-champion Nick Bockwinkel was his ultimate goal. As he worked his way through AWA rings, Martel engaged in both solo and tag team matches in pursuit of that goal. One of his tag team partners, Tito Santana, a very close friend, warned Rick about Bockwinkel and Heenan. In a published statement, Santana warned, "You can beat Nick Bockwinkel, but you'll never get his title."

Santana could not have known how prophetic those words would prove to be.

Soon after his arrival in the AWA, Martel defeated Bockwinkel in a non-title match. For months after the victory, Martel tried to force Bockwinkel to sign for a title match. Finally, Bockwinkel agreed to defend the AWA belt against Martel.

Rick Martel is jubilant after scoring a pinfall win over former AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

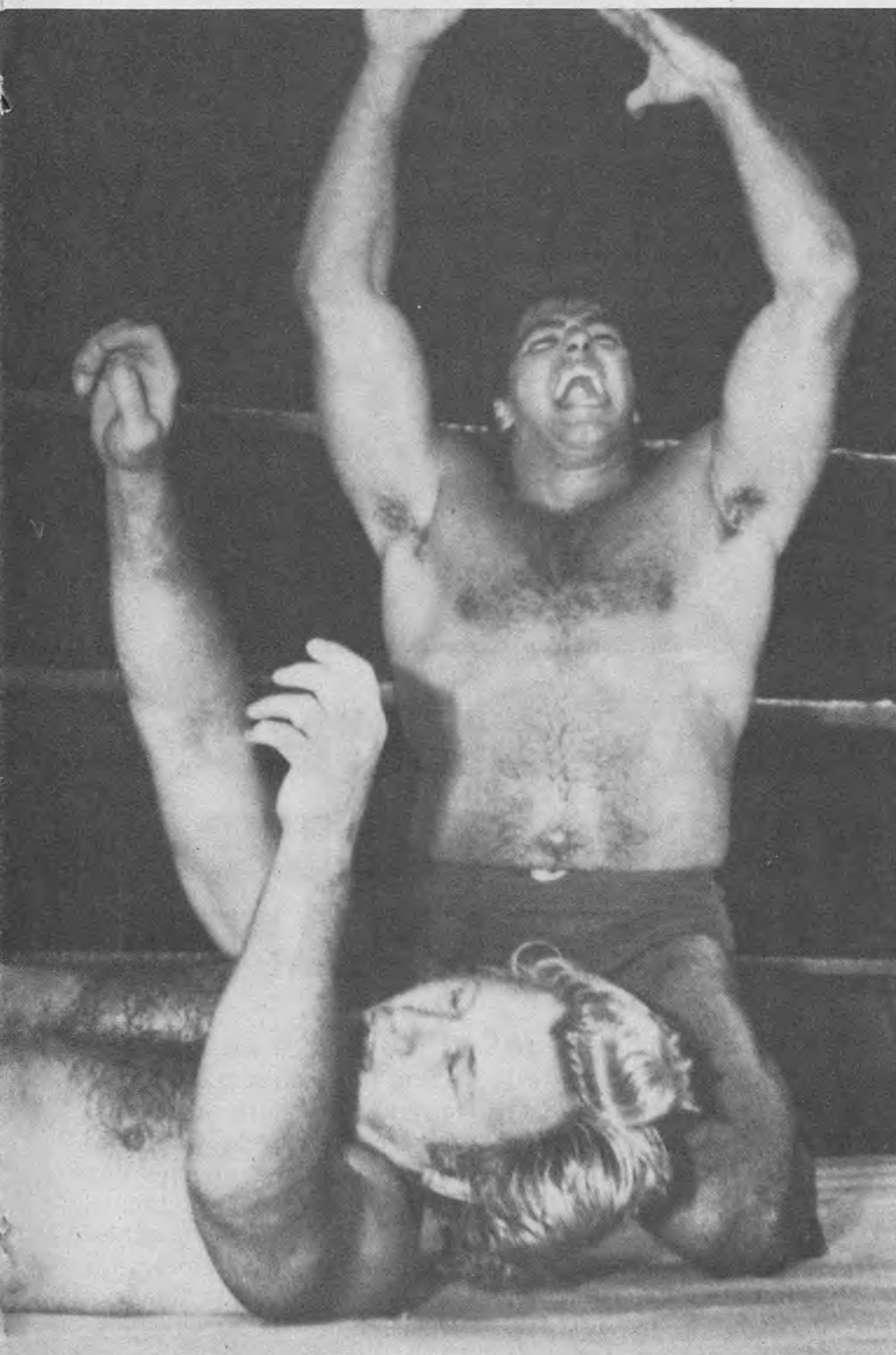


Unfortunately for Martel, Otto Wanz took Bockwinkel's title just a few days before the scheduled Martel-Bockwinkel bout. Rick Martel was forced to wrestle against a former champion, a match he no longer desired. His

hopes for winning the AWA title from Bockwinkel had faded with Wanz's victory.

Nevertheless, Martel is a resourceful competitor, and a man who never turns his back on either a challenge or a contract. He

BEAT WANZ . . . AND NEVER WRESTLE RICK MARTEL!



entered into his match with Bockwinkel determined to do his best, and to prove to the world that he is championship caliber.

Martel did beter than that: He gained a pinfall win over Nick Bockwinkel, a win that would have placed the AWA championship belt around his waist had Wanz not taken the belt mere days earlier.

"I don't feel I was cheated out of anything," Martel said later. "I wrestled a good match, I pinned Bockwinkel, and I'm pleased about that. I wish he still was champion when he stepped into that ring to wrestle me, but I don't want to take any credit away from Otto Wanz. It's an unfortunate twist of fate that Bockwinkel lost the title so soon before our match, but that's the way it goes sometimes. All I know is that should Bockwinkel win the title back, I'm going to be ready for him."

Martel went on to say that he was negotiating for a match against champion Otto Wanz, but that a contract had not yet been signed.

Bockwinkel and Heenan, on the other hand, have stated publicly that even if he won the belt back from Wanz, Nick Bockwinkel would not grant Rick Martel a title shot.

"Rick Martel disgraced himself in his match with Nick," said Heenan. "He disgraces himself

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Bobby Heenan says that if Nick Bockwinkel regains the AWA belt from Otto Wanz, he will deny Rick Martel a shot at the title. Martel claims Bockwinkel and Heenan are afraid of him. And following Martel's recent decisive victory over Bockwinkel, they have good reason to be afraid

CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO would have been enraged.

In one corner, Jimmy Snuka. Wrestling fans are well aware of the difficulties Snuka has been having with Captain Lou Albano. The Captain wants to control every aspect of Snuka's career, while the Superfly feels he deserves a greater degree of freedom to make his own career decisions.

In the other corner, Chief Jay Strongbow. It was Chief Jay and his brother, Jules, who upset Albano's WWF championship tag team of Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito and placed the ownership of the belts in limbo for several seeks. There is certainly no love lost between Albano and the Strongbow brothers.

One would think that a match between Snuka and Strongbow would be an excellent opportunity for the Captain to exact some revenge, via The



CAN JIMMY SNUKA SURVIVE WITHOUT CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO?

Superfly, for the indignities Fuji and Saito suffered at the hands of Chief Jay and Jules.

But when the bell rang and Snuka and Strongbow came out of their respective corners, the result was a demonstration of sportsmanship that would have had Albano tearing his hair out had he attended the match.

Snuka took the first offensive posture in the match, grabbing Strongbow with both his arms. Then after pushing his opponent to the ropes, Snuka appeared as if he was going to deliver a forearm smash to Strongbow's chest... but no! Even before the

referee had a chance to interfere, Snuka provided Strongbow with a clean break. The crowd roared its approval.

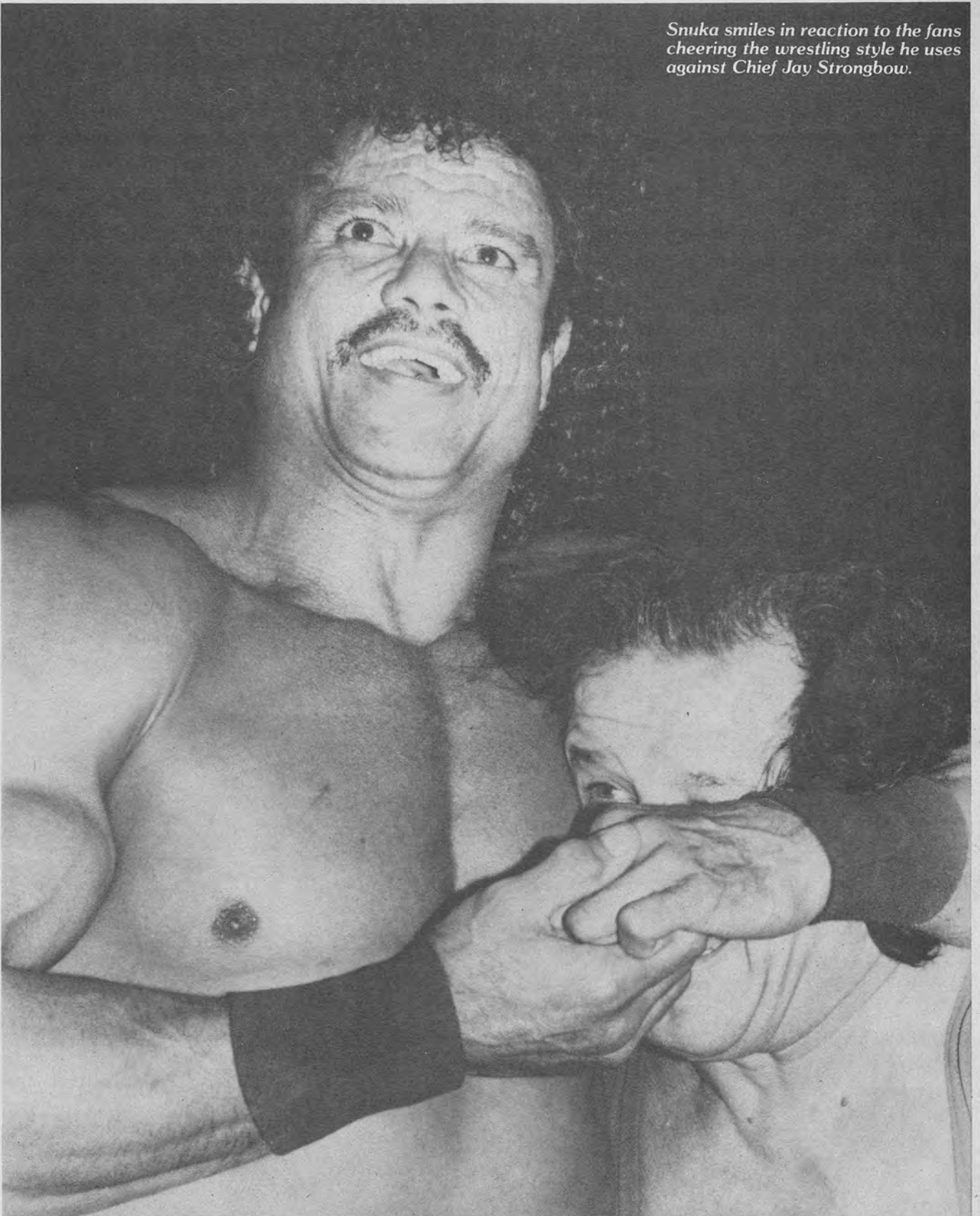
As Jimmy Snuka drifts further away from Captain Lou Albano, it is important that we ask one very significant question: If there is a definite split between Snuka and Albano, will The Superfly be able to guide his own career?

Consider the duties of a manager: First, and foremost, a manager must understand the

ins and outs of what goes on behind the scenes at the arena. He must be able to deal with a vast range of individuals and personalities. This enables him to negotiate not only contractual arrangements for title matches, but secondary arrangements for non-title matches and financial considerations for his wrestlers.

The manager must be a man capable of understanding and applying strategy to particular opponents. These strategies can be either conventional modes of attack or more specialized strategies to suit a particular type of match or opponent. The

Snuka smiles in reaction to the fans cheering the wrestling style he uses against Chief Jay Strongbow.



Captain Lou Albano is still the official manager of Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, although that's an arrangement that seems destined to change very soon. Can Snuka make it on his own without a manager, or will the rigors of having to guide his own career prove to be his ultimate downfall?

greater the manager's understanding of ring strategy, the better he is able to advise his wrestler how to approach any situation.

In addition, a manager ought to be able to handle press relations, oversee a training schedule, and handle the various details that are likely to come up in the course of a normal week of professional wrestling. He should also be able to handle the details that *aren't* likely to arise.

Can Snuka live up to this considerable workload and still maintain a high standard of excellence in the ring?

"I believe he can," says *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* Editor-in-Chief Peter King. "Snuka has all the raw talent that he needs to be able to go it alone. Perhaps he might be a little bit unsteady once he breaks from Albano, but if he does, I predict he will actually do much better for himself than he is doing now. He's certainly proved that he is

willing to talk to the press on his own, and that's a big step in the right direction. If he's looking to be independent and successful, I think he's on the right track."

PWI Associate Editor Dan Shocket does not agree.

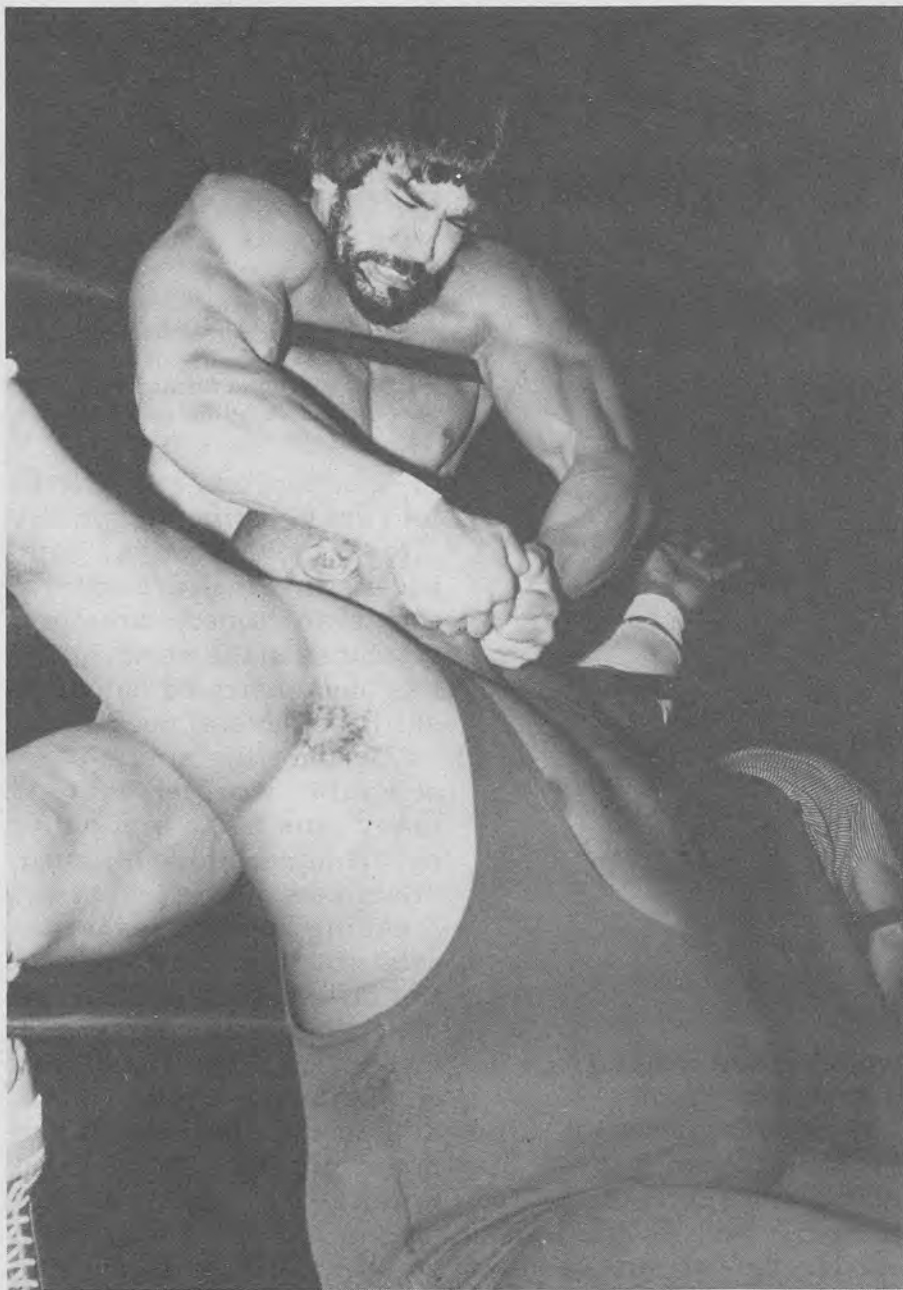
"Snuka will be lost if he ever leaves Albano," Shocket said. "It would be the worst thing in the world for him to do. After all, it was Albano who taught him the skills and showed him how to get as far as he has in wrestling.

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Snuka suffers for a few seconds while trying to figure an escape from Strongbow's hammerlock. He could have straightened out and grabbed the Chief by the hair, but he didn't.

OLIVER HUMPERDINK: "EVERY MAN HAS HIS PRICE . . . INCLUDING RICK STEAMBOAT!"



SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK stood near the corner of the ring and leaned in toward the action to get a closer look at how his man Bad Bad Leroy Brown was handling Rick Steamboat.

Unfortunately for Brown, Steamboat was doing all the handling. Brown had fallen through the ropes as a result of a series of karate thrusts, and Steamboat had moved in from behind to apply a punishing rear chinlock.

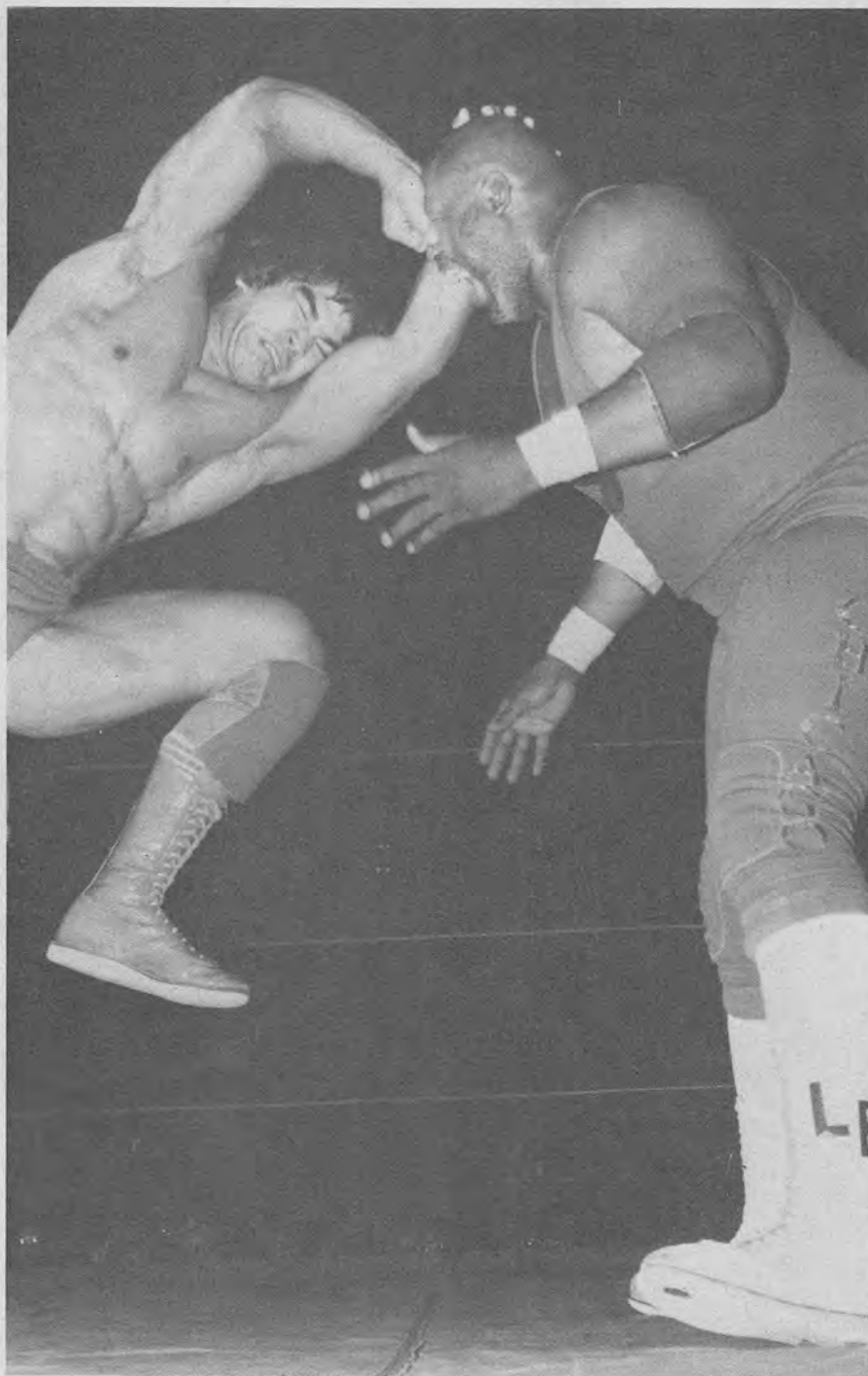
"He's good," Humperdink said as Steamboat pulled at Brown's head. "He's very, very good."

Steamboat relinquished the grip, and Brown fell to the concrete floor. Backing away from the edge of the ring, Steamboat allowed Brown to reenter the squared circle. As he did so, Steamboat wisely took the



Sir Oliver Humperdink (above) has a great deal of respect for the talents of Rick Steamboat, punishing Bad Bad Leroy Brown (left). Humperdink would like nothing more than to add Steamboat to his stable of wrestlers.

Sir Oliver Humperdink's house of rulebreakers in the Mid-Atlantic comprises a formidable block of talent: Greg Valentine, Paul Jones, Gene Anderson, Ninja . . . everyone Humperdink needs to maintain a permanent grip on the area—except for one man. Sir Oliver feels that one man will be his with the right offer



opportunity to catch his breath and regain some strength. It was a few seconds, but it was all he needed; while Brown struggled, Steamboat recuperated, and that would prove to be the critical element in the match.

"Look at him, how wisely he utilizes his time and takes advantage of every miniscule detail," Humperdink said admiringly. "What an addition to the House he

would make. What glory he would bring to me."

It wasn't the first time Steamboat had proved his mettle against Bad Bad Leroy Brown. Several weeks earlier, the two men had met in a Richmond, Virginia, wrestling ring. Sir Oliver was at ringside for that match as well, and he was equally impressed by Steamboat's performance.

"Steamboat has wrestled many of the men in the House



Humperdink admires the aggressive tactics Steamboat occasionally displays (left) and his ability to take punishment (above) and still come back.

of Humperdink," Sir Oliver told *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*. "He hasn't always won, because my men are some of the best-trained wrestling machines in the world, but he has demonstrated superior skills on several occasions.

"He isn't the simon-pure, scientific wrestler that so many fans make him out to be," Humperdink continued. "He mixes quite a lot of rule-breaking in with his martial arts and his more conventional wrestling skills. I've watched him closely, and he is definitely cut from championship cloth. I think all that's needed is for him to hook up with a brilliant managerial genius like myself and there will be no stopping him on his drive to be number one!"

Over the past weeks, Steamboat has had quite an opportunity to make an impression on Humperdink. He has wrestled nearly everyone in the infamous House of Humperdink: Paul

Jones, Greg Valentine, Gene Anderson, Ninja, and Leroy Brown.

"Steamboat would be a great addition to the House," Humperdink said. "He would complement the skills and abilities of my other men almost to perfection." There was both admiration and longing in Sir Oliver's voice. It was clear that he wanted Steamboat under the power of a contract, though he stopped short of saying that he would pay any amount to get him.

When confronted with the likelihood that Steamboat would probably leave wrestling before joining up with his kind, Sir Oliver Humperdink was surprisingly calm.

"Listen, Rick Steamboat is no saint," he said with a tinge of condescension in his voice, "he's in this sport for the same reasons I am: money and glory. Sure, he'll deny it up and down because he wants to make himself look good to the idiots who call themselves his fans, but he's as grubby as they come.

"All I would have to do is make Steamboat an offer he couldn't refuse and he would join the House of Humperdink so fast, it would set the entire wrestling world on its head," Humperdink said with pride. "Every man has his price, that's a fact of life, including Rick Steamboat. He's no exception."

Humperdink's eyes widened at the thought of having Rick Steamboat join his notorious group of wrestlers. "The Mid-Atlantic region would be mine, all mine," Humperdink gloated. "I would command so much power in this area, it would reduce my opposition to virtually nothing. Right now, Rick Steamboat is a formidable



After being whipped to the turnbuckle (above), Steamboat surprised Brown with a spin-around flying bodypress (below). Humperdink wasn't surprised; he knows how talented Steamboat is. And he feels he can make the proper offer to convince the Hawaiian to join his Army.



opponent for the members of my House. If he were on my side, if he were to sign a contract with me, it would be my crowning achievement."

Humperdink laughed menacingly to himself as he thought about a situation that, in all likelihood, would never come about. Steamboat is, above all, a man of principle. He despises Sir Oliver Humperdink and everything he stands for. Nevertheless, Humperdink believes he could one day swing Steamboat over to his side.

"Like I said," Humperdink reiterated, "every man has his price. Steamboat has his, too. When I'm ready, I'll make him an offer and he'll be mine!" □

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GRAHAM, BACKLUND CLASH IN BLOODY GARDEN MELEE

BY CRAIG PETERS

NEW YORK—After 4½ years, Superstar Billy Graham finally had his chance for revenge against the man who beat him for the WWF title, Bob Backlund.

All hopes for a normal wrestling match passed quickly, as Backlund attacked Graham mercilessly before the match had

even begun. Backlund was looking for a measure of revenge of his own: Graham had destroyed the \$10,000 WWF heavyweight belt during a televised match between Backlund and Swede Hanson about a week earlier.

Graham was awarded the match by disqualification, and a rematch was immediately signed.



Blood drips from the mouth of Bob Backlund after the WWF champion bit open challenger Superstar Graham's forehead.

Dusty To Wrestle For Three Titles?

BY STEVE FARHOOD

TAMPA, FL—Dusty Rhodes has made public his desire to wrestle the heavyweight champions of all three major organizations: Bob Backlund of the WWF, Otto Wanz of the AWA, and Ric Flair of the NWA.

"I want to wrestle all three of them in the space of a single



Dusty Rhodes is hoping for the opportunity to wrestle the three major federation titlists, all within one week.

week," announced Rhodes, a two-time NWA champion. "And I am prepared to offer each of the champions record amounts of money to sign a contract allowing me to do so."

As of press time, formal negotiations with the titleholders had not yet begun.

Samoans To Return To WWF

BY RICH COUNTIS

ATLANTA—Sonny King's contract is running out, and Captain Lou Albano is ready to foreclose.

By the time you read this, The Samoans could have already returned to the WWF. Albano has told *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* exclusively that he is ready to bring the former WWF tag team champs back to the area.

"With The Samoans and Fuji and Saito under my control," Albano said, "I will rule the entire WWF!"



Sonny King may soon have to return The Samoans to Captain Lou Albano.

An Infiltrator In The House Of Humperdink?

BY STU SAKS



Rumors regarding Mid-Atlantic champion Paul Jones continue to circulate.

CHARLOTTE, NC—A source close to Paul Jones says that while the Mid-Atlantic champion has a contractual obligation to Sir Oliver Humberdink, his loyalties are purely his own.

"I believe that Jones is merely spying on Humberdink and the way he manages his House," said the informant, who wished to remain anonymous. "I believe that Jones is actually working for someone else, but who that someone is I'm not at liberty to reveal right now."

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
World Wrestling Council champion Carlos Colon has signed to wrestle National Wrestling Alliance champion Ric Flair. Colon announced that he would consolidate the two championships if he wins the match.

TOKYO, JAPAN
Harley Race has met with promoters regarding a possible match with Pacific Wrestling Federation champion Giant Baba. Word has it that the match would guarantee both wrestlers a record amount of money, with the winner to gross 25 percent more than the loser.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Otto Wanz, returning home for the first time since winning the AWA title, was greeted by more than 2,000 cheering fans at Vienna International Airport. Wanz announced his intention of defending the title at home against the top Austrian challenger.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
Blackjack Mulligan has successfully defended his Super Heavyweight title eight times in a span of two weeks against some of the premier 300-pounders from Africa, Europe, and Asia. Mulligan had anticipated a challenge from Andre the Giant, and now calls Andre a "coward" for not making an appearance.

Looking At... Matt Brock:

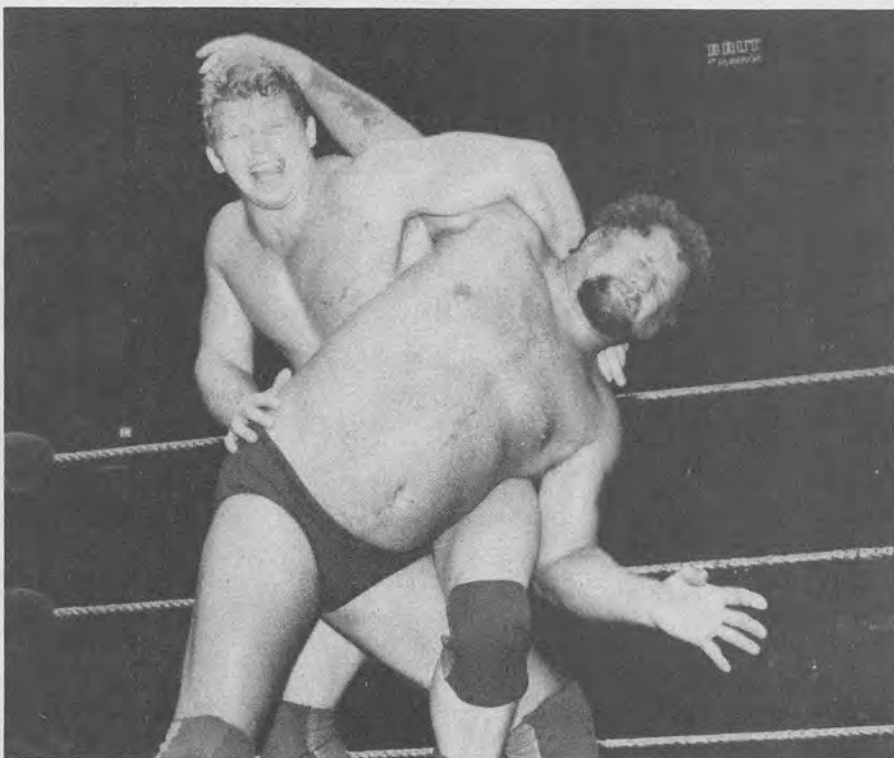


I WAS THERE. I was in Madison Square Garden that day in February, back in 1978. I saw Backlund hold the WWF belt high, and I saw the look on Superstar Graham's face that said one thing and one thing only: "I wuz robbed!"

From my vantage point, I don't think Graham was robbed of anything. Backlund took the title fair and square, and he's defended it that way ever since. That seems to be something that needs to be repeated every so often, particularly now that Graham has returned to the WWF to exact his revenge.

The way I see it, and I've seen a hell of a lot over the years, Backlund is one of the most deserving champions ever to come down the pike. Hell, look at the caliber of the competition he's turned back: Hulk Hogan, Ken Patera, Greg Valentine, Magnificent Muraco, Harley Race, Jimmy Snuka... to name but a few.

Consider this: Hulk Hogan and Ken Patera challenged Backlund with their enormous reserves of strength; both men failed to capture the WWF belt. Greg



Veteran reporter Matt Brock cannot understand how anybody could have anything but respect for a man who has accomplished as much as Bob Backlund has. The WWF champion traps then-NWA champion Harley Race in an abdominal stretch in 1980.

Valentine, master of the figure-four leglock, as well as other terror tactics, tried to cripple Backlund by concentrating on injuring his legs; he failed. Magnificent Muraco tried several times to capture the title using his Asiatic spike, and

Jimmy Snuka even sent Backlund out on a stretcher for the first time in his championship career; yet both men failed to win the title.

You need further proof? How about title defenses against Stan Hansen, Dusty Rhodes,

BOB BACKLUND



Harley Race, Blackjack Mulligan, Ivan Koloff, Cowboy Bob Orton, and Pat Patterson? That, my friends, is hardly even

Backlund drops all of his body weight on the left arm of challenger Ken Patera during peak action of a rare WWF title defense in the NWA city of St. Louis, Missouri. In almost five years as champion, Backlund has turned back the challenges of almost every top man in the sport.

half a list of the men whom Backlund has defended the WWF title against.

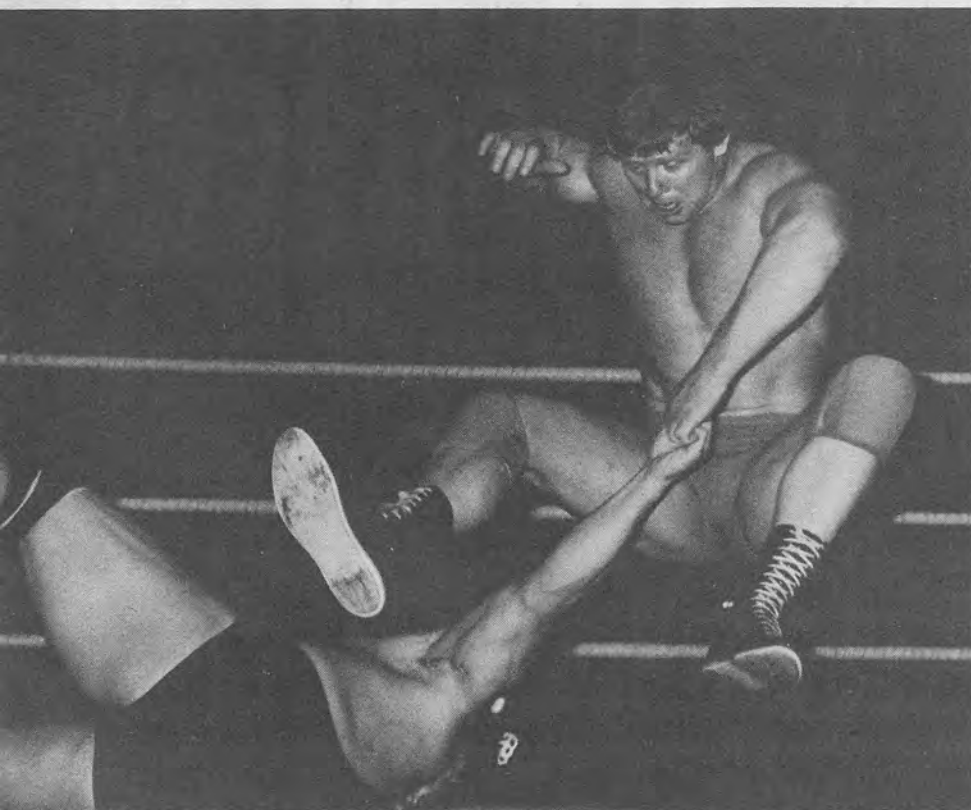
We're coming up on an anniversary. Very soon, Bob Backlund will complete his fifth year as champion. That in itself is a major achievement. The only WWF champion to hold the belt in one longer stretch was Bruno Sammartino, whose first title

reign lasted from 1963 through 1971. Anyone who feels that Backlund has not earned his place in wrestling history ought to consider that fact.

As for the constant accusations that Backlund pays off referees to protect his belt, I frankly can't offer you any proof one way or the other. As far as this accusation goes, it's a matter of faith whether you believe it or not. Every champion who has a title reign that lasts more than a year winds up the object of critical abuse of this type. Nick Bockwinkel has had his share of it, Ric Flair gets criticized in this fashion very often, as has virtually every other champion through history.

Personally, I don't buy it. Some people love Backlund, and some people hate Backlund. Those who hate him accuse him of paying off the referees. It will always be that way. All I can say is that I have met Bob on several occasions, spoken with him at length many times, and I don't get any indication that he might be guilty of any wrongdoings whatsoever.

That's a hell of a lot more than I can say for most other champions these days. □



PWI Special Investigation



WHO IS THE SUPER DESTROYER?

Super Destroyer is one of the most despised individuals in all of wrestling. His deadly "superplex," a back suplex from the top rope, has placed many wrestlers in the hospital and has earned him a notorious reputation. Veteran reporter Matt Brock explores some rumors and takes a look at who the man behind the mask might be

By Matt Brock

THERE ARE AS many reasons why a wrestler might choose to wear a mask as there are masked wrestlers.

Then again, there are as many people who want to know the identities of the men behind the masks as there are wrestling fans in this world.

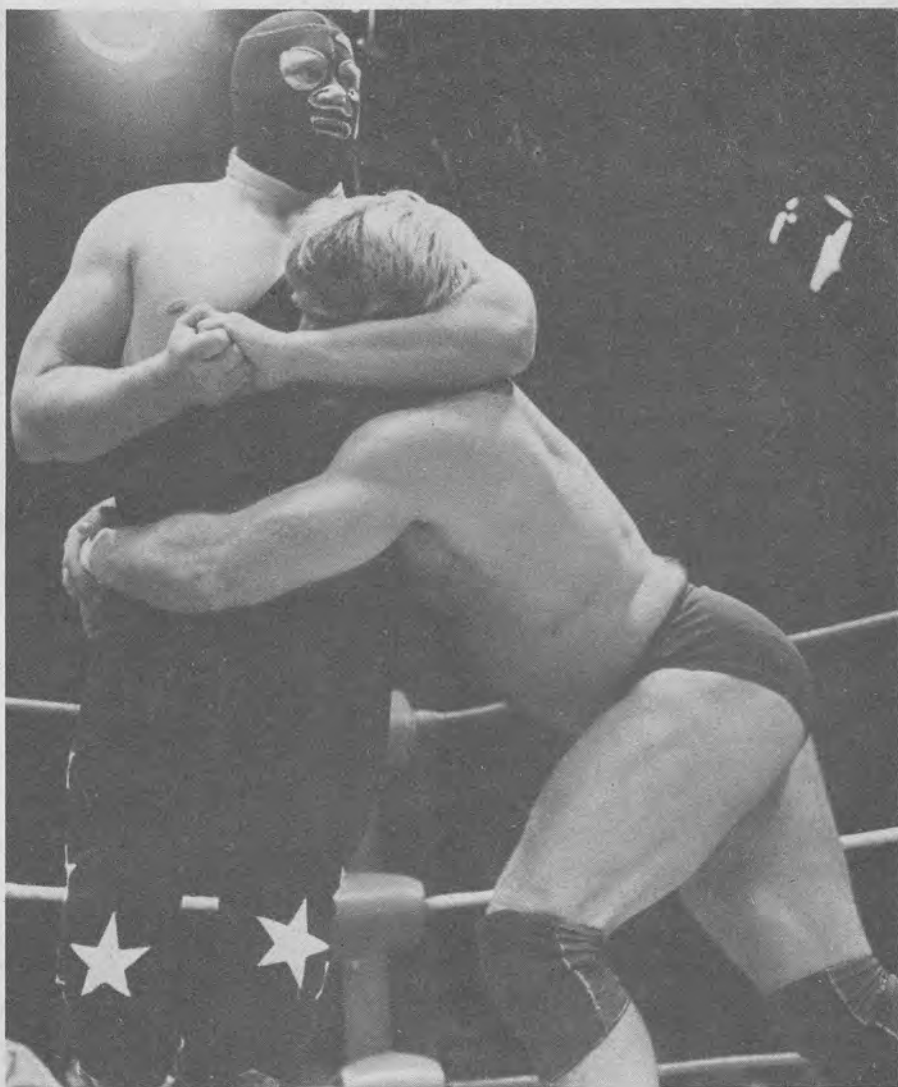
As far as I know, these men do not take their masks off at all. Oh, maybe once a day to wash one's face or hair, but only in absolute privacy behind locked doors.

There are other masked wrestlers who wear the mask so that they can have a private life. You can bet that Ric Flair doesn't walk down the street without being stopped all the time by wrestling fans asking for an autograph or a handshake, and knowing Flair, he probably likes it that way. But if Mr. Wrestling II was to take off the mask, you would no sooner recognize him as you would my brother Karl. Wrestling II can live a very private life without interruptions from overzealous wrestling fans.

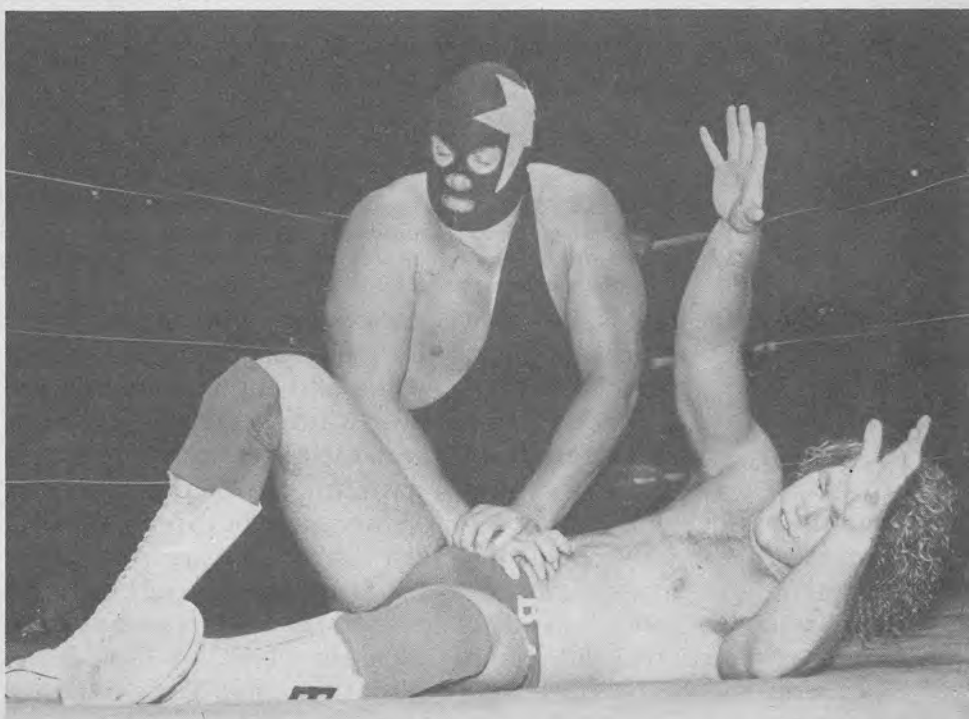
As for Super Destroyer, I don't know for sure, but I'd be willing to bet the farm that he wears a mask out of pure shame. Hell, I would if I had his reputation, simply to hide from the wives and families of the men I'd sent to the hospital with the superplex. He damn well *better* hide his head in shame.

The very maneuver that has brought Super Destroyer to such success has also placed many wrestlers in back braces and traction wires and has brought him an unprecedented level of hatred from wrestling fans everywhere. There is a rising tide of public opinion that demands the unmasking of Super Destroyer.

I can't help you too much with that. I've never seen the guy without his mask on, and I'm not about to go up to him and ask



Masked Superstar's headlock (above) is among the most potent weapons in his arsenal. Brad Armstrong squirms in agony as Superstar claws at his midsection (below).





The more damage Superstar inflicts on his opponents, the more the fans and wrestlers clamor to know his true identity. The masked man's headlock is dangerously close to Orndorff's throat.

him to give me a peek. But what I can do, short of providing you readers with a lengthy diatribe on why I also believe that Super D should be eliminated from wrestling, is explore some rumors about him. There are some wild theories circulating regarding who Super D actually is. I went to Atlanta, talked to some connections, did some snooping, and this is what I came up with:

- **Cowboy Bob Orton.** There are many people who feel that Orton and Super D are one and the same. They cite as unassailable evidence the masterful use of the superplex on the part of both men. While at first this appears to be a convincing argument, the essential falsity become apparent when you look at the tale of the tape. Place a mental picture of Orton in your mind,

and superimpose the Super Destroyer. While both of them are quite tall, Super D is somewhat more barrel-chested and bulkier than Orton. I don't doubt, however, that the two men have discussed use of the superplex with each other, to the detriment of opponents of both men.

- **King Kong Mosca.** I have heard people say that maybe it's Mosca under that mask with the

star. Usually these people have had about eight or nine boiler-makers in the space of about a half hour. Don't even listen to them out of pity. Mosca, as far as I'm concerned, simply doesn't have the skills to execute the superplex.

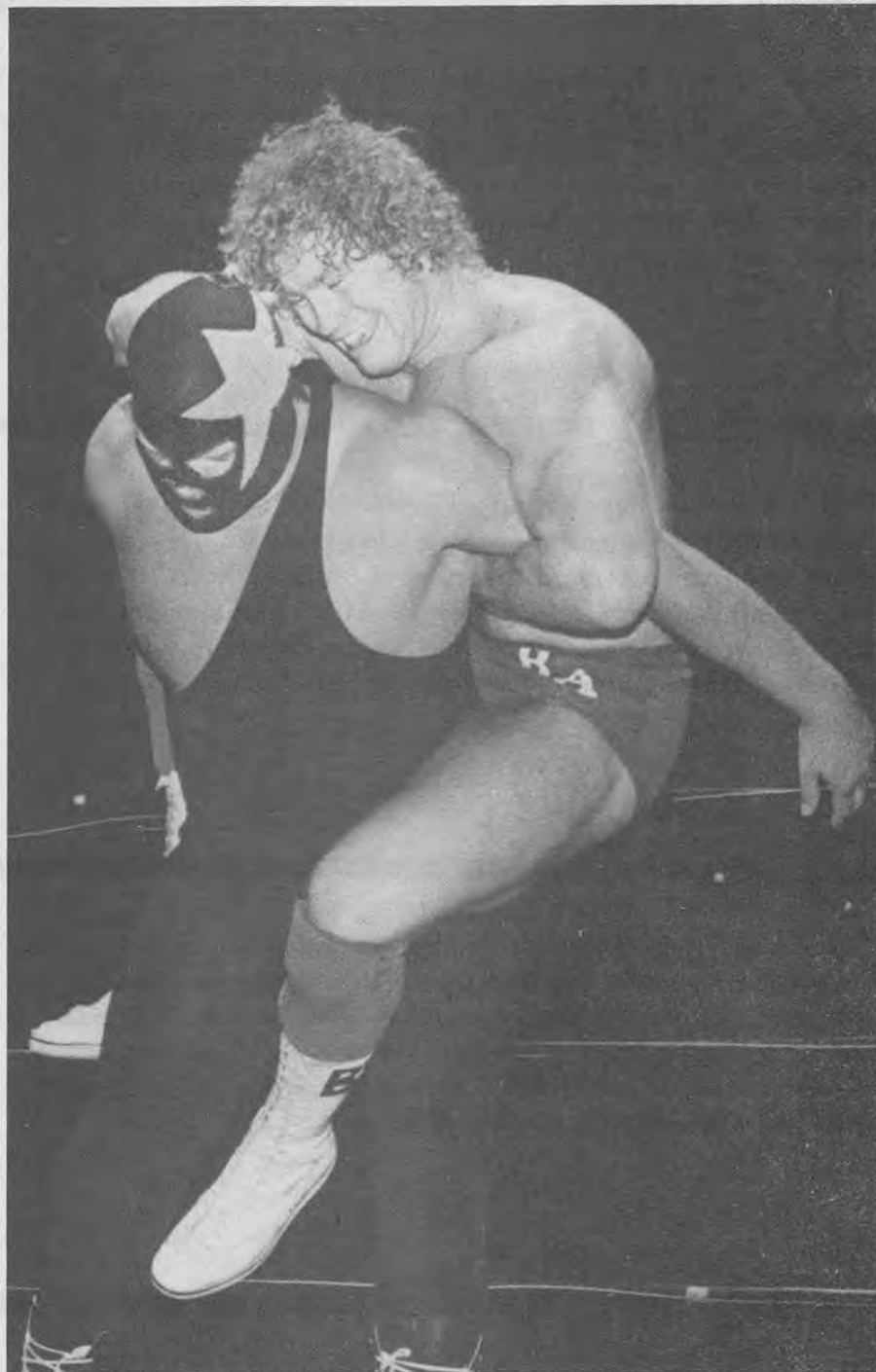
● *Killer Karl Kox.* I laughed at first when someone in the dressing room area of the Omni in Atlanta suggested that Super D might really be Killer Karl Kox, but my laughter soon turned to puzzlement. I asked myself, Why not? Hell, Kox has been out of the limelight for some time now. He would easily have had the time necessary to shape his body to the proportions of Super D, to learn the skills needed to execute the superplex. Why not, indeed? I have no hard evidence at all, except to say that from what I see of Super D's eyes through the mask, he appears to be a younger man . . . much younger than Kox would be by now. Then again, plastic surgery can do wonders.

● *Mr. Wrestling II.* I really laughed when this one was suggested to me. Hell, Mr. Wrestling II? He's skillful enough to do what Super D does, all right, but his attitude is all wrong. "Sure," the guy says to me, "but you haven't heard about schizophrenia? Two personalities in one man, manifesting itself in two unique ways in one body?" I called the guy a paranoid, ordered another drink, and asked him how II and Super D could be the same man if they have actually faced each other in the ring on several occasions. He had no answer.

● *Superstar.* As in *Masked Superstar*, not Superstar Billy Graham. Frankly, I wouldn't be surprised if there were three or even four guys of roughly the same build who keep switching off between wrestling as Masked Superstar, wrestling as Super D, and taking a day or two off. I'm

sure you remember as clearly as I do the controversy last year regarding Superstar and Super D, and the tendency they had to switch masks from one to the

But I'm not giving up. The investigation *will* continue, and I invite you to send me your suggestions in care of this magazine. Together, maybe we



Brad Armstrong leaps upon Masked Superstar's back to try to meet this giant of a man at his own level. Superstar's height immediately eliminates many of the men theorized to be under the mask.

other. As for Superstar and Super D being the same man, it's impossible: How, then, could they wrestle as a tag team?

These are the most obvious predictions, the most common guesses I've heard from people.

can get to the bottom of this mystery: Who is the man behind the mask?

I'll tell you one thing: It's a hell of a lot easier to find out who a man *isn't* than to discover who he actually is! □

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

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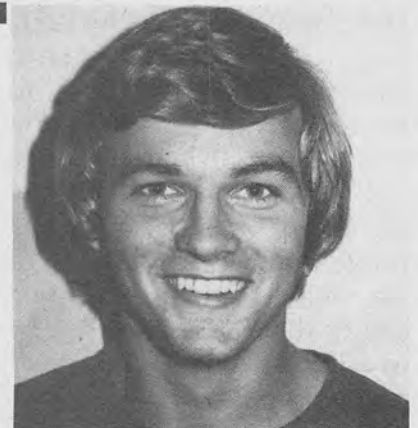
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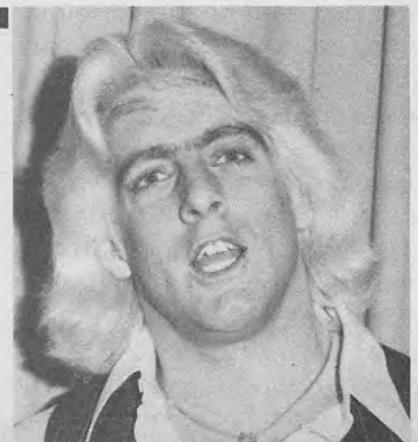
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King's Court

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smells like someone filled his
teepee with dead fish. Is it any
wonder people turn on him? But
the Captain is proud to say that
not one of his tag teams has ever
had any sort of a disagreement. It's
all in the managing, baby. Any man
who gets attacked by his partner
has it coming."

As hard as it is to write this,
Albano may have a point. The
Ervine Sports Bureau reports that
of the 47 teams that had a violent
ending, 36 of them were classified
as "good guy" teams. Ole
Anderson thinks he knows the
reason for this.

"When you're an aggressive
wrestler like I am, you don't expect
the world to give you things on a
silver platter. When I team with
Stan Hansen or John Studd or
Super Destroyer, I make one thing
clear: I'm not your friend. I'm not
your pal. I'm your business
associate. Together we make
money. We have the same goal.
It's as simple as that.

"Now, just look at teams like
Tommy Rich and his fruity cousin,
Johnny Rich," Anderson
continued. "Why, the way they
smile and wave and pat each other
on the back, you'd think they were
going to get married. In fact, you
know why most scientific wrestlers
form a tag team? Because they're
friends. They're afraid of being
alone. They like to hold hands. It's
just like a marriage. Pretty soon
there's a little argument about who
gets to wear the red trunks or
something like that, and the two
pansies are at each other's throat.
It'll happen to the Riches. One
night Johnny will want to wear
pink boots and Tommy will
demand they wear chartreuse.
Then it'll be war."

Obviously, Ole Anderson is not
the man to consult about scientific
tag teams, though what he says
has some truth to it. Most rule-
breaker tag teams are guided by a



Stan Hansen aids his partner, Ole Anderson, pin Dory Funk Jr. Hansen and Anderson have a formally signed business agreement.

manager, and most managers
make sure that their teams sign
tough, inescapable contracts.
Many scientific teams, because
they are friends, don't believe they
need contracts.

"Jimmy Brunzell and I have
been together," Greg Gagne says,
"for nearly five years, and we have
never signed a contract. We don't
need to. I've never had a second's
doubt that Jim would come to my
aid if I need him. We're friends.
Wrestling is becoming too much of
a business already without me
stooping to get Jim to sign a
contract. And you can't argue with
our success."

True, Gagne and Brunzell have
held the AWA tag team titles for a
record length of time. And never
once in all their years together
has either man even raised his
voice at the other. But the
statistics are there. Gagne and
Brunzell are bucking the tide, like
fish swimming upstream.

"So Gagne and Brunzell have
stayed together all these years
without a contract," Ole Anderson
says. "Big deal. Let's see how long
they stay together if Bobby
Heenan offers Brunzell a long-
term, seven-figure contract. He'll
turn on Gagne faster than an ice
skater can do a pirouette."

And then the number of teams
that self-destructed will be one
higher. □

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Humperdink talking, I surmised that perhaps they were discussing a business deal that might affect the future of Mid-Atlantic wrestling. Was Abdullah going to become a future, permanent member of the House?

What added to the drama of the shot was that both men were bleeding from the head. Humperdink had been attacked at ringside, and Abdullah was battered by Wahoo McDaniel in a championship match for the U.S. title.

So while they were talking, I snapped the shot. They both looked up and gave me a stare...

well, if looks could kill I would have been cremated right on the spot. I snapped again, and then I heard Humperdink speak to Abdullah in a voice that was obviously intended to be loud enough for me to hear: "I'm getting out of here, Butcher, you take care of this."

Abdullah nodded, Humperdink left, and the Butcher turned and began walking slowly toward me.

A quick aside: If you've ever been in a car accident, had your life placed in danger, or been in any sort of a disaster situation, you realize that time has a tendency to slow down.



Hunter took one final photograph before running away from the advancing Abdullah. Why was the security guard in the background just standing there while all this was happening?

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I didn't exactly see my life flash before my eyes, but I do remember every detail of what it felt like to have this enormous hulk of a man advancing on me like there was no tomorrow. And don't you doubt it for a minute: At the time, I was afraid that there really wouldn't be any tomorrow!

In my haste to get away, I managed to flick off one final shot with the camera. Then I ran like lightning to get out of the arena and as far away from the building as possible. Abdullah's almost nonhuman grunts followed close behind me, but I knew I was putting some real estate between the two of us. Nevertheless, I didn't stop running for about 10 minutes.

When I finally paused to catch my breath, the image of what had just transpired ran through my head over and over again. Then it hit me: Abdullah was holding something in his hand while he was talking to Humperdink. I thought I knew what it was. Had I hallucinated? Could I trust my own eyes and my own memory of what I saw, or of what I *thought* I saw?

The photographic evidence was indisputable. What the Butcher was holding in his hand was a shrunken head!

I shuddered when I saw that photo developed. I was also afraid; not for myself, but for the unspeakable horrors that Abdullah has no doubt perpetrated over the years.

It's frightening when you think about it. With all the dreaded things we know about Abdullah, I'm sure that there is even more that we don't know. That can only stand as further evidence of the immeasurable revulsion with which we must view Abdullah the Butcher. Why he is allowed to remain in wrestling at all is another question to be dealt with at another time. ☐



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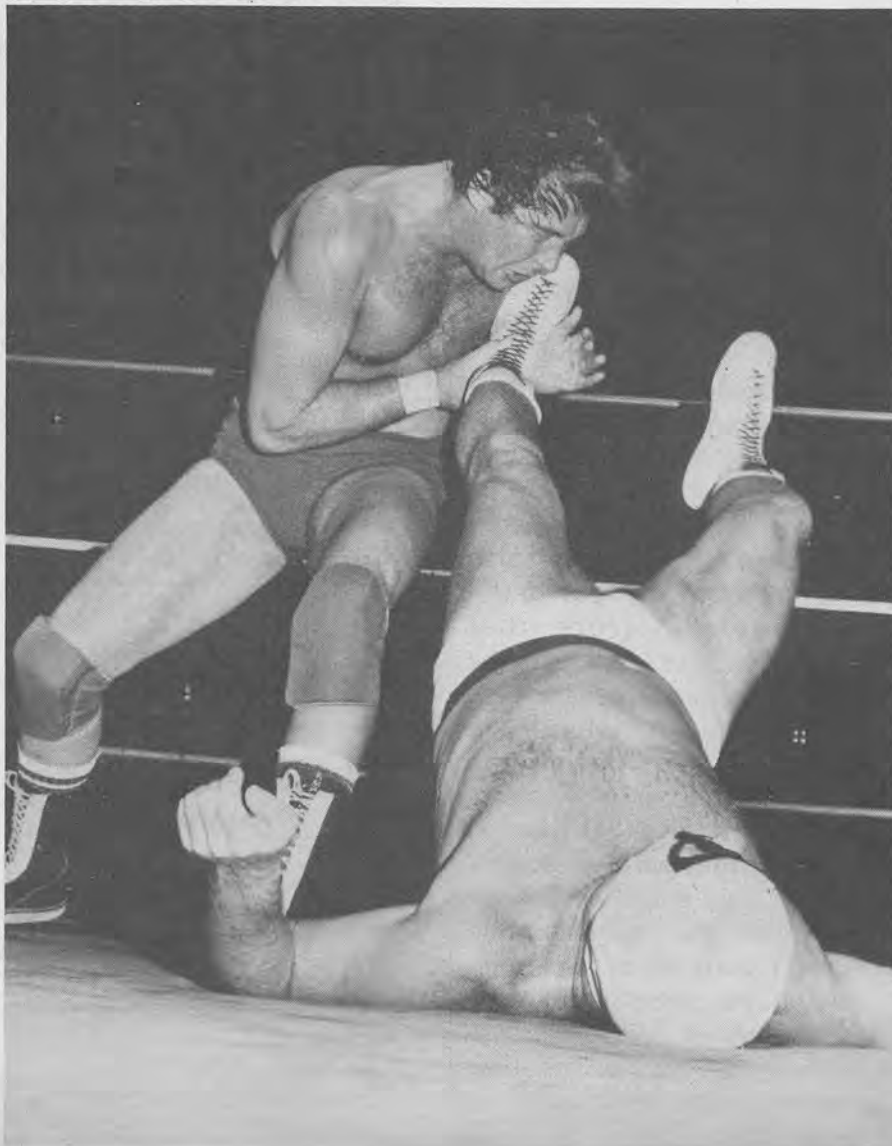
Often, in the past, Ted and I would talk into the wee hours about our respective careers. I've never had a specific game-plan for my life. All I ever wanted to do was live on a day-to-day basis and simply make the best of myself and my present position. But Ted was different. He had his entire life planned almost to the day. He wanted to do this by 1980, that by 1981, and "Win the big one" by 1982.

Ted accomplished "this" and "that", but 1982 is coming to a close and he still hasn't captured

the "big one." And that grates on this man. His life's timetable is out of whack; thus, he's out of whack. Deathly afraid that his life is falling behind schedule, he struck back at his fears in the only way he knew how. He turned against Junkyard Dog, perhaps his best friend in wrestling, a man he felt was standing between him and a world title.

From his rookie year, Ted DiBiase was told that he was destined toward greatness, destined for the championship of the world. His life's goals

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were provided for him by people who saw something in this green, second-generation wrestler. But perhaps he was too young to handle the abundant praise. The pressure to fulfill those goals consumed his very existence. When he failed, he didn't just fail himself, he failed everybody who held such high expectations for him.



There lies the crux of DiBiase's problems. He cannot deal with outside pressures. What he doesn't understand is that 95 percent of the pressure he feels is self-inflicted. Nobody who matters demands Ted to win a world title in any given period of time. That's too much to ask of any mortal.

But there's that ridiculous timetable Ted is so dedicated to. The damn urgency that motivates him is actually killing what could have been a brilliant career. More important, it's destroying a great human being.

No, I'm not going to call Ted DiBiase. If he wants to talk to me, let him say so. I'm not going to play his silly games. I don't play games with my friends. □

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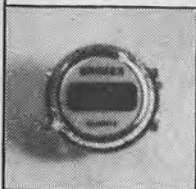
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Jimmy Snuka

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Referee Billy Caputo calls for a clean break on the ropes (above) and he gets it (left). Snuka could have attacked Strongbow from behind, but he didn't.



bottom of the WWF dung heap before you can say, 'Superfly.' I agree, Snuka's got talent, but for that talent to be realized, he's got to stay with Albano."

At this point, we can only speculate about the future of Jimmy Snuka. As of this writing, he is still officially under the auspices of Captain Lou Albano, although that relationship now seems tenuous at best. Whether he will do better or worse without the Captain is a question that will be answered only after Snuka makes his critical career decision. It's a decision that he will have to make very, very soon. □

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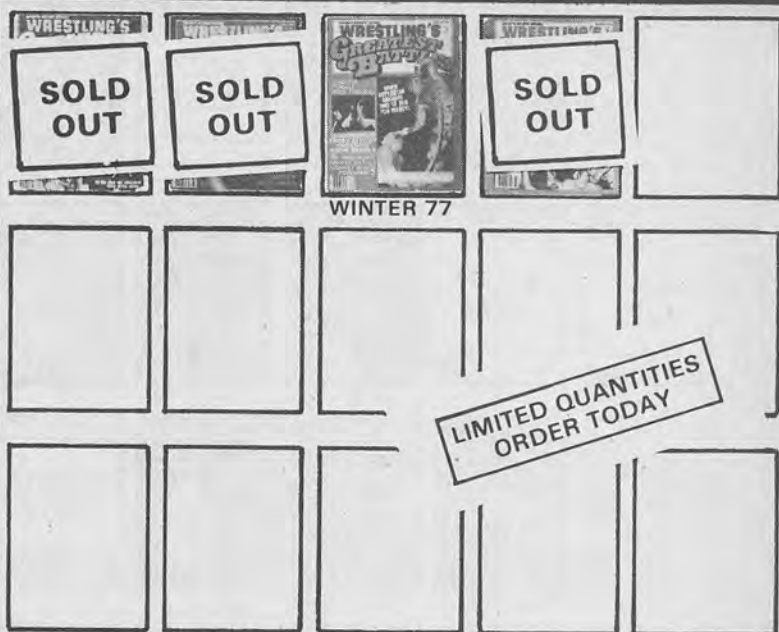
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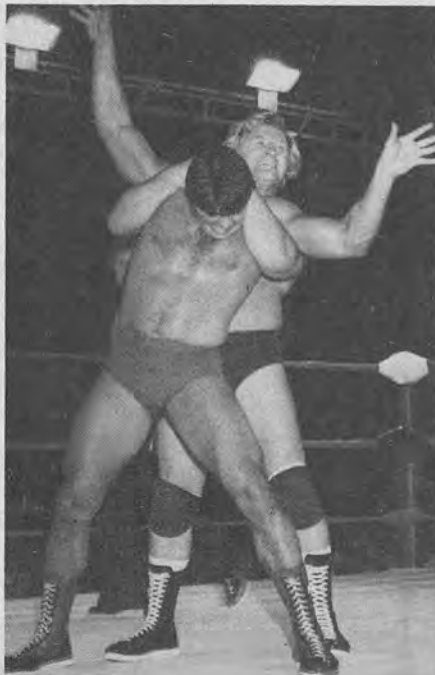
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Rick Martel

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Bobby Heenan attempts to interfere in Martel's match with Bockwinkel, but Martel quickly puts an end to that with a sensational dropkick to Heenan's chin (above). Martel propels Bockwinkel into the ring ropes in preparation for another dropkick (right). Bockwinkel places a full-nelson on Martel (below). Bockwinkel slams Martel's head into the ring apron (opposite page). If Heenan has his way, Martel will never again wrestle Bockwinkel.



and the entire sport of professional wrestling. He should be ashamed of himself to have accepted a so-called pinfall victory. It was clear to me, it was clear to the fans at ringside, and it *should* have been clear to the mindless referee in the ring that Nick's shoulders were never held to the mat. One shoulder, yes, I'll grant Martel that, but Nick's unmatched upper-body strength enabled him to keep his other shoulder far away from that canvas.

"No, Rick Martel does not deserve to be in the same ring with a man of the high moral caliber of

Nick Bockwinkel," Heenan continued. "Nick Bockwinkel will regain the AWA belt that is rightfully his, but it will be a cold day in hell before Rick Martel gets a shot at that belt."

When informed of Heenan's comments by editors of this magazine, Martel simply laughed.

"Bobby Heenan is a pitiful man,"

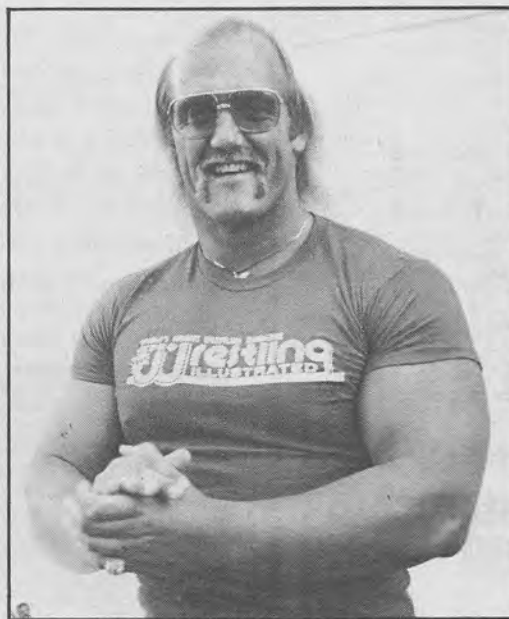


Martel said. "He's a very pitiful man. Does he really think he can keep me away from Bockwinkel in a case like that? I'm sure he's got his own ideas about how to get the belt back, but there's no way he'll be able to freeze me out should Bockwinkel be successful in regaining the title. Public opinion will be on my side. The fans will force a match between myself and Bockwinkel. There's nowhere he would be able to hide.

"Yes, I feel sorry for poor, poor, pitiful Bobby Heenan," Martel said. "He is obviously one very frightened man. Well, he's got good reason to be afraid. Frankly, I hope Bockwinkel does get the belt back. It'll give me the chance to shut them *both* up once and for all!" ☐

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during matches. The first break was caused by Jake Roberts, who was paid \$1,100 by a mystery man who has since been revealed to be Kevin Sullivan. Sullivan has not taken the bounty off Windham and he still hopes to drive him out of wrestling. "I hope my cash holds up longer than Windham's body," Sullivan says.

Mr. Wrestling II has left Georgia for Louisiana. II's reason? One of the greatest matches he has ever had was an all-scientific bout against Ted DiBiase in the Superdome several years ago. The masked man and Teddy became very close friends and tag team partners after that match. Now that DiBiase is a rulebreaker, he has attacked II verbally, saying, "I

only teamed with Wrestling II because he reminded me of my grandfather." II hopes to straighten out his former friend, though he's just one more man in the so far unsuccessful line of one-time Ted DiBiase friends who have not been able to turn Ted back to scientific grappling.

House of Humperdink resident Greg Valentine is concentrating all his efforts on defeating Wahoo McDaniel for the United States title . . . The Great Kamala is in Louisiana, managed by Gen. Skandor Akbar. Kamala's stable-mate Crusher Broomfield has been "subcontracted" to Jimmy Hart and is making life miserable for scientific wrestlers in Tennessee.

Tony Garea admits that he

Ted DiBiase and Mr. Wrestling II (below) had a beautiful friendship until Ted decided to turn rulebreaker. The rivalry between Jerry Lawler (opposite right) and Junkyard Dog continues to intensify.



thrives on tag team wrestling, though he has been unable to find a partner since he split with Rick Martel. His latest hopeful is Curt Hennig. "His style complements mine very well," Tony says. "Let's get a few more practice sessions under our belts and, if we are successful, we'll talk about a steady partnership."



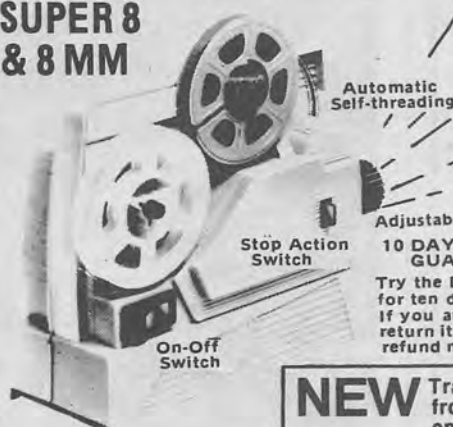
Houston fans can't believe the degree of hatred that exists between Junkyard Dog and Jerry Lawler. "Lawler thinks he is hot stuff—a TV star," says the Dog. "I don't like his ego." Lawler retorts by saying, "The only way that guy could be a TV star is if he plays Lassie." Let's hope this doesn't become a rabid feud.

Ole Anderson is hiring hitmen to try to destroy Ole's former friend and partner, Roddy Piper. So far Abdullah the Butcher, Stan Hansen, and several other top rulebreakers have been unable to stop Piper. "I'll see that Piper the turncoat suffers as much as I did when he sent Tommy Rich, Paul Orndorff, and Terry Gordy to break my back in a streetfight outside the Omni." Strangely, no one but Anderson has any recollection of that incident.

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All three men brutally gang up on the semiconscious Rhodes. Tonga holds Dusty's arms as Funk and Nagasaki attack Dusty below the belt (above). Dory Funk tries to restrain his brother after the match (below).



and started attacking Dusty on the spot, making it a three-on-one match . . . you, Kendo, and Tonga against Dusty.

FUNK: Right, and what does my brother do? He comes in and starts beating *me* up, screaming things in my ear that I couldn't even hear. I tell you, it was complete chaos that night. Then, I hear screams from Rhodes, that fat slob saying I double-crossed him. Can you believe that, he says I double-

crossed *him!*

SAKS: Well, what would you call it?

SHOCKET: I would call it a case of a man getting what he deserves.

FUNK: That's right, Dusty is going to get exactly what he deserves, and nothing less than that. I still haven't crossed Fatboy Rhodes off my list. No, it's going to take a lot more than one or two matches to take care of Dusty, and you can bet that I

am going to take care of Dusty. SHOCKET: Well, I would sure like to see it happen. What is the status of the feud between the Funks and the Briscos?

FUNK: Well, first things first, Dan. I have to clear up this little misunderstanding between Junior and myself.

PETERS: You're talking, of course, about your brother, Dory Jr.

FUNK: Right.

SAKS: What's to clear up? Your brother told the press outright that you're on your own, he's not going to help you with anything at all. To me, that sounds like quite a split in your family.

FUNK: Split, nothing. All Junior said was that I'm on my own as far as that dog Dusty goes. Man, that don't bother me the least little bit, because I won't have any problems cleaning up where Dusty's concerned. I expect to talk to Junior a little bit, we'll get this misunderstanding cleared up, and the two of us are going to go after the Briscos like the Hatfields took up after the McCoys... with all guns drawn.

PETERS: You don't think the problems between you and your brother will escalate to the point where he would abandon you in the face of the Briscos?

FUNK: Hell, no! That's the stupidest thing I've heard yet! When you get right down to it, we may have had a misunderstanding about the Rhodes thing, but Junior is my brother, got that? Blood is blood, and when push comes to shove you can bet that blood is gonna keep people together 11 times out of 10. Me and Junior are forever, and the Briscos better remember that. ☐

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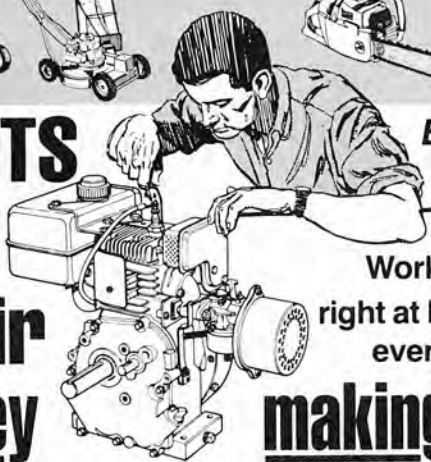
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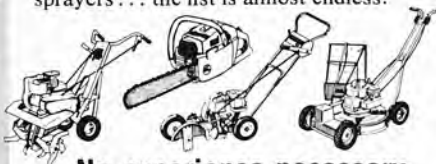
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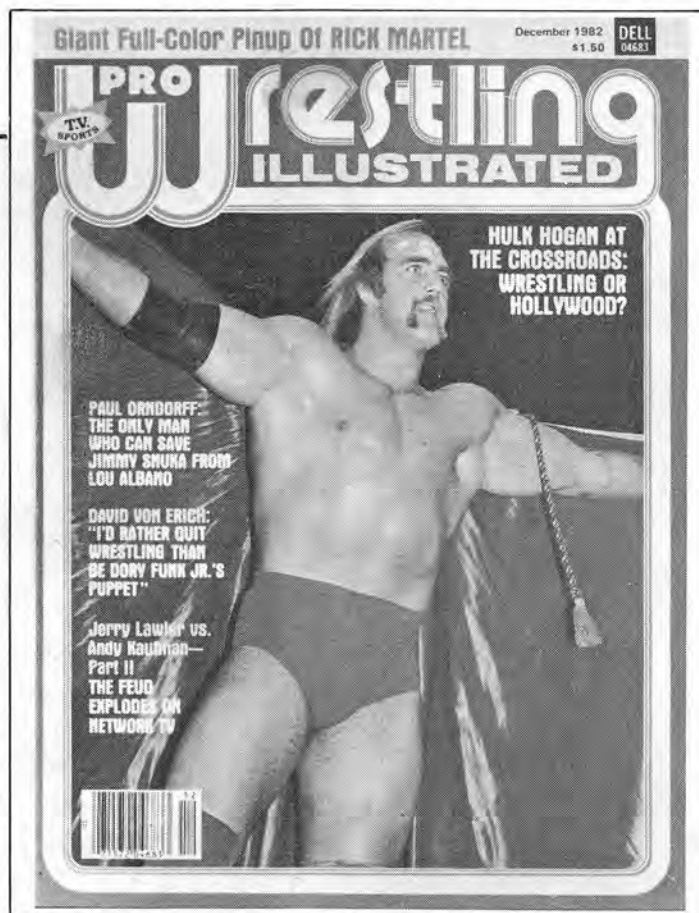
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